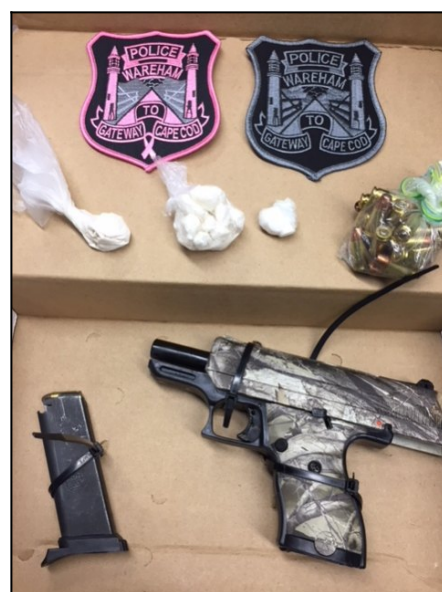


Wareham Police arrest three for various charges including intent to distribute heroin, crack cocaine and cocaine, possession of firearms

On Wednesday, October 11th, the Wareham Police Department Detective Division executed a search warrant at #223 Gatehouse Drive in East Wareham as the result of an investigation regarding the sale of illegal drugs from the apartment.

Prior to entering the apartment with the search warrant, detectives noticed a female, later identified as 40 year old Mellissa MacDonald, leave the apartment and meet with another female in a vehicle parked in a nearby business parking lot. Ms. MacDonald was approached at that time and placed under arrest for a previously obtained warrant. During the arrest in the parking lot, Ms. MacDonald was found to be in possession of a plastic baggie containing suspected crack cocaine.



Search warrant led to three arrests.

The driver of the vehicle, 53 year old Laura Alden of Buzzards Bay, was placed under arrest when detectives found a small amount of heroin and drug paraphernalia in her possession.

Detectives then executed the search warrant at Apartment #223 Gatehouse Drive, which is the residence of Ms. MacDonald and 46 year old Louis Andrade, who was present at the time of the entry.

Upon entering the apartment detectives located plastic baggies containing crack cocaine (16 grams) and heroin (3 grams), along with pills later identified as Oxycodone. Several drug paraphernalia items, including a digital scale, plastic baggies, and Inositol were also found throughout the apartment. As the search continued, detectives found 9mm ammunition inside a sneaker, then located an unloaded 9mm handgun with an attached clip containing 7 rounds, which was found in the apartment air conditioning duct.

The following page of this press release lists the three arrested parties and the applicable criminal charges. All three were scheduled for arraignment today at Wareham District Court:



Louis Andrade, age 46, #223 Gatehouse Drive (Union Pond Apts.)
Wareham

1. Distributing Class A Substance (Heroin)
2. Distributing Class B Substance (Cocaine)
3. Possession of a Firearm While Unlicensed (Subsequent Offense)
4. Possession of Ammunition Without an FID
5. Possession of a Firearm with 3 Prior Violent Crime/Drug Offenses
6. Possession of a Class B Substance



Melissa MacDonald, age 40, #223 Gatehouse Drive (Union Pond Apt.) Wareham

1. Distributing Class A Substance (Heroin)
2. Possession Class B Substance (Crack Cocaine)
3. Possession Class B with Intent to Distribute (Crack Cocaine)
4. Conspiracy to Violate Drug Laws
5. Possession Class B Substance (Oxycodone)



Laura Alden, age 53, #27 Deseret Drive Buzzards Bay, MA

1. Possession of a Class A Substance (Heroin)
2. Conspiracy to Violate Drug Laws

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