

11 Viall Street raided for drugs by New Bedford police twice since March

On Wednesday, May 22, New Bedford police arrested four individuals in the driveway of 11 Viall Street on drug charges to include fentanyl distribution. Fentanyl is responsible for 89% of all the overdose deaths in Massachusetts in 2018.

This is the second police raid at 11 Viall Steet since March. We are waiting to hear back from the New Bedford Police Department to if the apartment numbers are related.

At around 1 pm on May 22, police arrested the following individuals at 11 Viall Street, none of whom live there:

- 42-year old Jose Garcia-Santiago of 174 Central Ave (apartment 3) in New Bedford for Class A drug possession and conspiracy to violate drug laws. Class A drug usually means heroin.
- 44-year old Carlos Perez of 65 Sawyer Street (apartment 1) in New Bedford for distribution of fentanyl, possession of Suboxone and conspiracy to violate drug laws.
- 69-year old Emilio Rivera of 110 County Street (apartment 74) in New Bedford for Class A drug possession, conspiracy to violate drug laws, Class E drug possession and Class A drug distribution – second offense (4/16/1998). Class A drug usually means heroin.
- 31-year old Edwin Carrasquillo of 20 Holly Street (apartment 1) in New Bedford for Class B drug distribution, Class A drug possession, Class B drug possession, warrant arrest, Class A drug distribution – second offense (2/5/2009)

On March 11, 2019, New Bedford police raided 11 Viall Street (apartment 3N) and charged the following individuals:

- Miguel Sevilla-Freire of 11 Viall Street in New Bedford with possession to distribute Class B drug and conspiracy to violate drug laws.
- Angel Miguel Sevilla of 54 Roosevelt Street in New Bedford with possession to distribute cocaine, conspiracy to violate drug laws and Class B drug distribution – second offense.

When it comes to drug dealing, Viall Street is one of the problem streets in New Bedford and part of the **South End of New Bedford's Drug Dealer Mile**. Giovanni Cruz Ferrer of 15 Viall Street (apartment #3) was arrested at 162 Davis Street in New Bedford on 2 February and is being charged with fentanyl distribution, fentanyl distribution – second offense and had two outstanding warrants at the time.

Nearly one-third (29%) of those arrested for distribution/trafficking of hard drugs lived on six streets in New Bedford:

New Bedford's six worst drug dealer infested streets