

26-year old New Bedford man sentenced for Cocaine Distribution

A New Bedford man was sentenced today in federal court in Boston for drug trafficking activities involving cocaine.

Jamareh Allen, 26, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Chief Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV to 10 months in prison and three years of supervised release. On May 6, 2021, Allen pleaded guilty to one count of distribution of and possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

In September 2020, Allen sold cocaine to a cooperating witness in New Bedford. Additionally, between August and September 2020, Allen sold the cooperating witness fentanyl and offered to sell a firearm for \$1,000. However, when it came time for the firearm deal, Allen stole the \$1,000 from the cooperating witness during the attempted controlled purchase.

United States Attorney Rachael S. Rollins; James Ferguson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Fall River Acting Police Chief Paul Gauvin; and New Bedford Police Chief Paul Oliveira made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney John Dawley of Rollins' Organized Crime and Gang Unit prosecuted the case.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's violent crime reduction efforts. PSN is an evidence-based program proven to be effective at reducing violent crime. Through PSN, a broad spectrum of stakeholders work together to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in the community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. As part of this strategy, PSN focuses enforcement efforts on the most violent offenders and partners with locally based prevention and

reentry programs for lasting reductions in crime.