

# 40-year old New Bedford Fentanyl trafficker sentenced to prison

A 40-year-old New Bedford narcotics trafficker was sentenced to serve up to five-and-a-half years in state prison, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Kenneth Cosgrave pleaded guilty in Fall River Superior Court to indictments charging him with Trafficking in Fentanyl and Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine.

On May 15, 2020 New Bedford Police were conducting a street level narcotics investigations on County Street when they observed the defendant carrying sandwich bags to a vehicle. Police followed the vehicle to an address on Viall Street known by investigators as a home where large amounts of narcotics have been seized during the previous year. Police observed an individual exit the home and get into the vehicle for about two minutes before going back inside the house with sandwich bags. Police stopped the vehicle a few minutes later, where they found 21 bags of Fentanyl and a single bag of crack cocaine in the defendant's pockets. A subsequent search of the vehicle yielded a box of sandwich bags and a digital scale.

The three-and-a-half to five-and-a-half year state prison sentence was imposed by Judge Gregg Pasquale and the case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney James Powderly.

"I am pleased the defendant was held accountable for trafficking Fentanyl, which continues to be a scourge on our communities," District Attorney Quinn said.