

# 45-year-old New Bedford man pleads guilty to Fentanyl distribution charges

"A New Bedford man pleaded guilty on May 22, 2023 to fentanyl distribution charges.

Hector Diaz, 45, pleaded guilty to two counts of distributing and possessing with intent to distribute fentanyl. Chief U.S. District Court Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV scheduled sentencing for Aug. 7, 2023. Diaz was indicted in March 2022 and was arrested in June 2022.

On two occasions between December 2020 and January 2021, Diaz distributed and possessed with intent to distribute fentanyl in New Bedford.

The charge of possession with intent to distribute fentanyl provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, three years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of \$1 million. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy and James Ferguson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, Boston Field Division made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Timothy E. Moran and Sarah Hoefle of Levy's Organized Crime & Gang Unit are prosecuting the case."-Massachusetts Department of Justice.