

Good New Bedford police work leads to arrest of man w/ lengthy cocaine trafficking record

Observant police work by patrol officers led to the arrest of a man with a lengthy criminal record after he was found in possession of more than 25 grams of cocaine.

Police responded to the 100-block of Division Street on a 911 hang-up call at about 5:41 a.m. Sunday, May 20, when they observed a male in the driver's seat of a vehicle parked in the area with the ignition, turned on.

He was found in possession of more than 25 grams of cocaine, a scale and more than \$2,500.00 in cash.

Russell S. Andrews, 36, of 15 Bonney St. Apt. 3, New Bedford, was charged with cocaine trafficking, distribution of cocaine, subsequent offense, and OUI drugs.

Andrews has a lengthy criminal record, with 34 adult arraignments, including an open case for possession of cocaine and 12 default warrants for failing to show up to court. He was sentenced to three to five years in prison in 2002 for assault with a dangerous weapon and firearms possession.

He was held without bail on his probation violation. Bail was set at \$2,000.00 on the current charge.