

Springfield police seize 23,750 bags of heroin, nearly \$13,000 in cash

The Springfield Police Department Strategic Impact Unit seized approximately 23,750 bags of heroin during a raid Wednesday afternoon. Narcotics Detectives, under the direction of Captain Brian Keenan executed a search warrant at 162 Gresham Street in Springfield around 4:30pm, making two arrests, seizing more than 23,000 bags of heroin and recovering close to \$13,000 in cash as well as marijuana and other drug paraphernalia.

“This was a large scale heroin distribution operation responsible for bringing thousands of bags of heroin into the Springfield area,” said Springfield Police Narcotics Captain Brian Keenan.

23 year old Brian A. Santiago of 162 Gresham Street and 46 year old Javier R. Torres of 162 Gresham Street were arrested. They face heroin trafficking charges and possession of a Class D (Marijuana) substance with the intent to distribute. Santiago also faces a charge of possession of ammunition without a FID card.

“Our Strategic Impact Unit continues to arrest illicit narcotics dealers. Today’s arrests and the removal of more than 23,000 bags of heroin undoubtedly saved lives and make our city and region safer,” said Springfield Police Commissioner John Barbieri.

Santiago and Torres are scheduled to be arraigned in Springfield District Court on Thursday.