

# Massachusetts State Troopers arrest man for trafficking narcotics, cache of illegal fireworks

Early Saturday morning Trooper Edward Brunton, a recent graduate of the 84th Recruit Training Troop, along with his Field Training Officer, Trooper Brandon Andrews, conducted a motor vehicle stop on a 2008 Infiniti G35 while on patrol in Holyoke.

Troopers identified the operator as VICTOR PIRELA, 28, of Holyoke, and discovered he was operating the vehicle with a suspended driver's license. With no licensed operator in the vehicle, Trooper Brunton requested a tow truck to respond then removed PIRELA from the driver's seat in order to conduct a tow inventory. While conducting the inventory troopers located a massive amount of fireworks in the trunk. They also located a brown bag with the contents partially spilled out.

Within those contents, the troopers noticed multiple bags containing white and brown powder substance believed to be cocaine and heroin. A subsequent search yielded approximately 50 Suboxone strips and approximately 50 small waxy bags containing heroin, which appeared to be packaged for sale.

Troopers Brunton and Andrews seized a total amount of approximately 108 grams of heroin and approximately 30 grams of cocaine.

PIRELA was transported to the Northampton Barracks where he was booked and had bail set in the amount of \$2500. He was later transported to Hampshire County Jail where he was held for his arraignment at Holyoke District Court today.

PIRELA was charged with the following:

1. Trafficking in Heroin;
2. Trafficking in Cocaine;
3. Possession of a Class B Drug;
4. Unlawful Possession of Fireworks;
5. Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law;
6. Possession of a Class A Substance;
7. Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended Driver's License; and
8. Motor Vehicle Equipment Violation.