

Massachusetts State Police troopers arrest four for trafficking over 500 grams of cocaine

“At approximately 9:30 p.m. on Sunday Trooper Tiffany DaRosa, assigned to State Police-Middleboro, was on patrol traveling on Route 24 northbound in Brockton. At that time she observed a Chrysler Pacifica that was being operated erratically, unable to maintain any single lane. Trooper DaRosa activated her cruiser’s emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop.

Once the vehicle came to a full stop Trooper DaRosa approached the passenger side and identified the operator as JOHANNY ROMAN, 39, of Lawrence. After informing ROMAN why she was stopped Trooper DaRosa observed three other occupants in the vehicle, none of whom were wearing seatbelts.

They were identified as JORGE TORRES, 45, of Haverhill, JESUS MEDINA-OQUENDO, 29, of Lawrence, and EMMANUEL FALCON-ALICEA, 35, of Lawrence. After gathering the identification for all occupants Trooper DaRosa returned to her cruiser to conduct electronic inquiries of the information. The results of the inquiries revealed MEDINA-OQUENDO had an active warrant for his arrest. Trooper DaRosa placed him under arrest and continued her investigation on scene, at which point additional cruisers arrived on scene to assist.

Troopers on scene determined there was probable cause to search the vehicle then removed the remaining three occupants. After beginning the search Troopers quickly located a large amount of a substance suspected to be cocaine. The substance was formed in a brick-like shape with the imprint of “Batman” on the top and weighed over 500 grams. It was also learned on

scene that MEDINA-OQUENDO had an active warrant for his arrest as well.

The remaining three occupants were arrested then escorted to the Middleboro Barracks for booking. A bail commissioner was contacted and set bail at \$50,000 for all subjects. They were scheduled for arraignment at Brockton District Court on the following charges.

JOHANNY ROMAN:

1. Trafficking in Cocaine;
2. Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law;
3. Marked Lane Violation; and
4. Hands-Free Electronic Device Violation.

JESUS MEDINA-OQUENDO:

1. Trafficking in Cocaine; and
2. Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law.

EMMANUEL FALCON-ALICEA:

1. Trafficking in Cocaine; and
2. Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law.

JORGE TORRES:

1. Trafficking in Cocaine; and
2. Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law.