

# **Massachusetts State Police charge one with Marijuana Distribution, Firearms and Ammo Offenses, Following Investigation**

A Westfield man was arrested for firearm, ammunition, and marijuana charges yesterday morning after Troopers and local police executed a search warrant at his home, the result of a joint investigation by the State Police Gang Unit and the State Police-Springfield Barracks.

Troopers and local officers apprehended DEMETRIUS CABALLERO, 18, after serving the warrant at his Rider Road residence. The warrant team was comprised of Troopers from the State Police Gang Unit, Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section, K9 Unit, and Springfield Barracks, assisted by Westfield Police and members of the Western Massachusetts Gang Task Force.

Investigators seized a large quantity of marijuana, both as vegetable matter and numerous edible products, as well as Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) vape cartridges and other products. THC is the main psychoactive compound in cannabis. Paraphernalia associated with the sale of narcotics, including a digital scale and calibration weights, were also found.

Police also located and seized an illegally-possessed Smith & Wesson AR-15 rifle with a loaded 30-round magazine inserted, an illegally-possessed Glock 42 pistol with a loaded magazine, and assorted ammunition. Troopers also seized \$2,201 cash suspected to be the proceeds of illicit drug distribution.

The search warrant and arrest were the result of an investigation begun by Trooper Dane Jobst, assigned to the

Springfield Barracks, who had made several previous motor vehicle stops that led to intelligence about CABALLERO's drug dealing. Further information was developed through the assistance of Connecticut State Police.

Following CABALLERO's arrest, Troopers transported him to the State Police-Westfield Barracks, where he was booked on the following charges:

1. Possession of a Class D substance with intent to distribute;
2. Possession of a Class C substance with intent to distribute (2 counts);
3. Illegal possession of a firearm (2 counts);
4. Illegal possession of ammunition;
5. Possession of a high-capacity feeding device; and
6. Possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

After being booked, CABALLERO was transported to the Hampden County House of Corrections to be held pending arraignment.