

Massachusetts State Troopers arrest three for trafficking Fentanyl, cocaine

Just after 3 a.m. yesterday Trooper Benjamin Poirier, with his Field Training Officer Trooper Michael Leslie, assigned to State Police-Shelburne Falls, were patrolling Route 91 northbound in the Town of Bernardston. While in the area of Exit 28A Trooper Poirier observed a red Hyundai Elantra drive over the painted chevron lane markings as if the vehicle was going to exit the highway, however, it continued straight using the incorrect travel lane.

Trooper Poirier positioned his cruiser behind the Elantra and activate his emergency blue lights stopping it at the 53.2 mile marker. While the vehicle was stopping Trooper Leslie conducted an RMV inquiry of the Vermont license plate revealing the registered owner, LUKE PERRY, 30, of Newport, Vt., had a suspended Vermont driver's license. Upon the vehicle coming to a full stop Troopers Poirier and Leslie approached each side of the vehicle and confirmed the operator's identity as PERRY, he was then removed from the vehicle and placed in handcuffs as he did not possess a valid driver's license. While removing PERRY troopers noticed a crack pipe laying on the floor area of the driver's seat.

Given the discovery of the crack pipe Trooper Poirier requested a K9 search to be conducted on the vehicle. The rear seat passenger, identified as EDDIE TORRES, 33, of Bronx, N.Y., and the front seat passenger, identified as MANDIE-RAE PERRY, 29, of Newport, Vt., were both removed from the vehicle in order to conduct a search. Officer Emily Rowell from the Greenfield Police Department arrived on scene to assist with the female passenger. Captain Scott Waldron of the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, with K9 Uno, and Trooper Michael

Garceau arrived a short time later.

Upon all occupants exiting the vehicle a search was conducted. The search yielded a large sheathed knife, a baggie containing a substance believed to be crack cocaine, a baggie containing powder cocaine, and approximately 500 individually packaged wax baggies of heroin.

All three occupants were placed under arrest and transported to State Police-Shelburne Falls where they were booked and bail was denied. They were eventually transported to Greenfield District Court where they were arraigned on the following charges.

EDDIE TORRES:

1. Trafficking in Cocaine;
2. Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law;
3. Resisting Arrest;
4. Trafficking in Fentanyl;
5. Possession of Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute;
6. Carrying a Dangerous Weapon; and
7. Failure to Wear Seatbelt.

LUKE PERRY:

1. Trafficking in Cocaine;
2. Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law;
3. Trafficking in Fentanyl;
4. Possession of Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute;
5. Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle;
6. Motor Vehicle Equipment Violation; and
7. Marked Lanes Violation.

MANDIE-RAE PERRY:

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

4. Possession of Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute.