

Massachusetts State Troopers arrest man for possession of gun, narcotics

Just after 1 a.m. today Trooper Joseph Lamusta, assigned to State Police-Revere, was conducting enforcement of motor vehicle laws on the Lynnway prior to Blossom Street in Lynn. At that time he observed a Suzuki GSXR motorcycle pass him with numerous equipment violations. Trooper Lamusta pulled into traffic and effected a traffic stop on the motorcycle.

After the motorcycle stopped Trooper Lamusta approached the operator, identified as ANDERSON VAZQUEZ, 33, of Lynn, and informed him why he was stopped. VAZQUEZ was acting strangely causing Trooper Lamusta to request backup. Trooper Stephen Thomson and Trooper Michael Daly arrived a short time later.

While speaking to VAZQUEZ, Troopers discovered he only possessed a learner's permit to operate a motorcycle. Riders with learner's permits are only permitted to operate a motorcycle between dawn and dusk, any other time they are considered to be operating without a license, a criminal offense. Trooper Lamusta requested a tow truck to respond to the scene then began an inventory of the motorcycle. During the inventory troopers located multiple full boxes of firearm ammunition. It was confirmed that VAZQUEZ did not possess a license to carry firearms, or a firearms identification card, and Trooper Lamusta placed VAZQUEZ under arrest. He was escorted to Trooper Lamusta's cruiser where a search of his person was conducted prior to placing him in the rear seat. Trooper Lamusta located a loaded .22 caliber revolver in a fanny pack worn around VAZQUEZ's waist. Additionally, the firearm was listed to be stolen from the proper owner.

Also located in the fanny pack were numerous prescription

medications not belonging to VAZQUEZ. These medications were considered to be controlled substances.

VAZQUEZ was transported to SP Revere where he was booked and ordered held for court without bail. He was arraigned today at Lynn District Court on the following charges:

- Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle;
- Possession of a Class E Drug;
- Possession of a Class B Drug;
- Possession of a Firearm;
- Possession of Ammunition without FID Card;
- Carrying a Loaded Firearm;
- Armed Career Criminal;
- Receive Stolen Property Under \$1200; and
- Motor Vehicle Equipment Violation.