

Massachusetts State Troopers and Officers searching residence for one fugitive find another instead

“Yesterday, while searching for a wanted fugitive, Troopers from the Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section and Lynn Police Officers checked an apartment on Western Avenue in Lynn. Upon knocking, Troopers and Officers were greeted by BENJAMIN TRANFAGLIA, 35, who, while not the original target of the search, was known to also be wanted on a warrant for larceny.

The leaseholder of the apartment escorted Troopers and Officers into the residence to allow for a search of the initial target. Members of the arrest team observed, in plain view in a bedroom later determined to be used by TRANFAGLIA, numerous baggies containing white and brown powder and assorted pills.

At that point, the arrest team closed off the room and obtained a search warrant. The subsequent court-authorized search resulted in the seizure of more than 15 grams of suspected fentanyl, an equal amount of suspected cocaine and crack cocaine, a cigarette wrapper containing suspected methamphetamine, various non-prescribed medications, and assorted drug paraphernalia. Police also seized from TRANFAGLIA more than \$770 in suspected proceeds from illegal drug sales.

Troopers charged TRANFAGLIA with trafficking in fentanyl, possession of a Class B narcotic with intent to distribute, and the outstanding larceny warrant. Please credit the photo to Massachusetts State Police.”