

New Bedford Cocaine Trafficker Sentenced to A Decade in Prison

A 27-year-old New Bedford man was convicted last week in Fall River Superior Court of trafficking cocaine and illegally possessing a firearm, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Arcadio Navarro pleaded guilty to indictments charging him with trafficking in excess of 36 grams of cocaine, illegal possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony and illegal possession of a firearm without an FID Card.

On October 4, 2017, New Bedford Police lawfully obtained a court-authorized search warrant for the defendant's 262 Nash Road apartment. After obtaining the search warrant, New Bedford Police detectives set up surveillance at the apartment and witnessed the defendant and another male get into the defendant's rental car. When police tried to pull the car over, the defendant attempted to get away and struck two cruisers before stopping. Police found about nine grams of cocaine on the defendant's person at this time.

Once inside the apartment, police located a safe which contained more than one kilo of cocaine, a .357 Taurus Magnum revolver loaded with five rounds, more than \$7,500 in cash and a digital scale. The cash was forfeited.

Judge Thomas McGuire sentenced the defendant to serve seven to 12 years in state prison and placed him on probation for an additional two years.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney William Flynn.

"The defendant was reaping substantial profits from selling a large amount of cocaine. Once again, this is a defendant who is contributing to the drug problem that is plaguing our communities, especially our cities," District Attorney Quinn said.