

New Bedford man federally charged with distributing over 100 grams of heroin

A New Bedford man was charged yesterday in federal court in Boston in connection with heroin distribution.

Ramon Serrano, 41, was charged with possession with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin. He is currently in state custody and will be arraigned in federal court in Boston on July 23, 2019.

According to court documents, on or about **Feb. 20, 2019**, **Serrano was found in New Bedford in possession of over 100 grams of heroin.**

The charge of possession with intent to distribute over 100 grams of heroin provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of five years and no greater than 40 years in prison, at least four years of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$5 million. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling and New Bedford Police Chief Joseph C. Cordeiro made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Estes of Lelling's Narcotics and Money Laundering Unit is prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the charging document are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.