

New Bedford Police Department makes arrest after social media post

"A local man has been arrested after flashing a firearm on social media.

On Wednesday, September 8th at approximately 1pm, gang and narcotics detectives assigned to the 'Organized Crime Intelligence Bureau' observed a male known to them as STERLING ROBINSON, 22 of 61 Kearsarge St., #1. ROBINSON had been seen on social media posts, displaying a firearm, and recording while driving through rival gang territory.

ROBINSON was stopped for motor vehicle offenses. A search of the vehicle was conducted, during which a 9mm, Smith & Wesson pistol loaded with 8 rounds of ammunition was discovered hidden in an area behind the glove compartment. The pistol was determined to have been stolen out of New Bedford. Approximately 1 pound of marijuana and \$137 in cash was also seized.

ROBINSON was arrested on a variety of charges including firearm & ammunition possession, receiving stolen property, possession with intent to distribute marijuana and motor vehicle offenses. ROBINSON has numerous open cases out of New Bedford district court including carrying a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, assault and battery on a police officer, and unarmed robbery.

The investigating officer is Det. Timothy Soares.

If you have any information regarding any criminal activity in your neighborhood, the New Bedford Police Dept. wants to hear from you. You can leave an anonymous tip on our voicemail at (508) 991-6300 Ext. 1."