

# **New Bedford police arrest five on Monday for distribution of narcotics**

New Bedford police officers arrested five men throughout the day on Monday for distribution of drugs on Tinkham, State, and Covell streets.

On Monday at 12:45 pm, New Bedford police officers arrested two men for drug possession (heroin) in front of 261 Tinkham Street. Both men were stopped on the street and a search resulted in a small amount of suspected heroin. 42-year-old Matthew Viera of Fairhaven is charged with possession of a class A drug and conspiracy to violate drug laws. 30 Year old Barrett Stone is charged with possession of a class A drug, conspiracy to violate drug laws and three outstanding warrants.

At 1:36 pm, New Bedford police stopped a vehicle in near 213 State Street and arrested two men for various charges. The driver, 34-year old Michael Stande of Hyannis, had a suspended license and is being charged with possession of a class B drug (Suboxone) and conspiracy to violate drug laws. The passenger, 46-year old Javier Irizarry, was wanted on a warrant and is also being charged with possession of a class B drug (Suboxone) and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

At 5:41 pm, police arrested 23-year old Djeisan Soares of New Bedford for cocaine possession and distribution of cocaine near 15 Covell Street.