

New Bedford police arrest three Fentanyl dealers within a week

In the first weeks of 2019, members of the New Bedford Police Department Narcotics Unit have broken up three separate Fentanyl distribution services, arresting three alleged drug traffickers.

On Tuesday, January 22, 2019, detectives with the narcotics unit made two arrests for drug trafficking. After seizing approximately 40 grams of Fentanyl along with Oxycodone pills, detectives arrested Miguel Fuster Jr., 5/7/1976, of 27 Chestnut Street, New Bedford, who was the target of a Fentanyl distribution service being operated out of 27 Chestnut Street. After seizing more than 30 grams of Fentanyl along with 15 grams of cocaine, detectives arrested Jose E. Rodriguez, 8/17/1977, of 445 Dartmouth Street, New Bedford, who was the target of a Fentanyl distribution service being operated out of 445 Dartmouth Street.

On Thursday, January 28, 2019, after seizing more than 80 grams of Fentanyl, detectives arrested Frank M. Rivera, 6/24/1986, of 200 State Street, New Bedford, who was the target of a Fentanyl distribution service being operated out of 200 State Street. All three men were charged with trafficking Fentanyl, along with other drug related charges.

“The New Bedford Police Department will continue to be relentless in 2019 in disrupting Fentanyl distribution activity that is doing damage to our community, and that touches the lives of nearly every resident in some way,” said Deputy Police Chief Paul Oliveira.