

New Bedford police arrest three on firearm, fentanyl trafficking charges

New Bedford Narcotics Detectives executed search warrants in New Bedford and Dartmouth and arrested two men and a woman on charges that range from trafficking fentanyl to unlawful possession of a firearm.

The following were arrested as a result of the investigations:

- Donald Hardy, 33, of 274 Harrison Street, Fall River, was arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition. Detective executed a search warrant at the Moby Dick Motel in Dartmouth, where they discovered a loaded .9mm handgun. The lead investigator was Detective Kevin Barbosa.
- Christopher James Francis, 58, of 50 Pierce Street, New Bedford, was arrested for trafficking fentanyl after detectives executed a search warrant at his residence and discovered just under 20 grams of fentanyl, three suboxone strips and \$1,700 in cash. The lead investigator was Detective Jean Lopez.
- Crystal M. Avellar, 40, of 280 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, was arrested for trafficking fentanyl after Detectives executed a search warrant at her residence and discovered just over 10 grams of fentanyl and \$1,800 in cash. The lead investigator was Detective Jordan DaSilva.

All three are due to be arraigned in New Bedford District Court on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.