

New Bedford police officers arrest two previously convicted drug dealers on fentanyl charges

New Bedford Narcotics detectives made two drug-related arrests yesterday as a result of separate searches in New Bedford.

Approximately 50 grams of fentanyl and more than \$5,000 was seized at 520 Coggeshall St #3. As a result, Brian Konstantakos, 26, was arrested and charged with possession and trafficking in fentanyl. It is a subsequent offense; Konstantakos was convicted of dealing cocaine in 2019 in New Bedford.

A search of 51 County St. #3 yielded fentanyl and 96 tabs of Percocet, digital scales, packaging materials and \$628 in cash. Arrested was Nicky Ortiz, 37, who was charged with distribution, possession, trafficking, and conspiracy to violate drug law. Ortiz currently has seven open cases in New Bedford District Court and has a prior drug conviction.

Fentanyl is responsible for 93% of all drug overdose deaths in Massachusetts.