

New Bedford police seize \$130,000 in cocaine, fentanyl, and marijuana in two days

New Bedford police detectives seized large quantities of fentanyl, cocaine, marijuana, more than \$18,000 in cash, and ammunition during three separate incidents in recent days.

On June 15, an investigation led to a traffic stop where Detectives seized 24 grams of cocaine. A subsequent search of 1276 Pleasant St. #1, led to 269 grams of cocaine with a street value of \$26,900 and \$6,504 in cash.

As a result, Jonathan Garcia, 30, 1276 Pleasant St. Apt. 1, was charged with trafficking, conspiracy, and a suspended license (subsequent). Jose Rivera De Leon, 25, 1276 Pleasant St., Apt. 1 was charged with trafficking, possession, conspiracy, a suspended license, and traffic violations. Detective Lavar Gilbert investigated the case.



1276 Pleasant St in New Bedford, MA

During a search of 52 Willard St., Apt. 2 on June 12, police discovered 528 grams of fentanyl with a street value of \$52,000, 21 rounds of 9mm ammunition, and \$350 in cash. As a result, Lino R. Simoes, 46, 52 Willard St., Apt. 2, was charged with trafficking, possession to distribute, and ammunition without an FID card. Simoes does not possess a license to carry a firearm and was previously convicted of trafficking. Detective Timothy Soares led the investigation.

Also on June 12, searches at Rosalinda's Fashion, 104 Allen St. and 98 Allen St., Apt. 2 resulted in the seizure of 512 grams with a street value of \$51,200 of cocaine, 3.5lbs of marijuana, paraphernalia and \$12,194 in cash. Jose E. Nieves, 45, 98 Allen St. Apt. #2M, was charged with trafficking and possession to distribute. Detective Timothy Soares Detective and Detective Kevin Barbosa led the investigation.

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