

New Bedford police seize \$250,000 in drugs over 6-week period

New Bedford police detectives seized a cumulative 562.3 grams of fentanyl and 803 grams of cocaine—with a street value of more than \$250,000— along with \$96,576 during a six week stretch in late April and May.

“Trafficking cases are significant,” explained head of the Narcotics Unit Lt. Justin Kagan. “It indicates that a major drug dealer has been caught with a notable quantity of illegal drugs.”

On June 2, Detectives seized 58 grams of cocaine and \$13,968. During 16 cases in May, Detectives seized 744.7 grams of cocaine, 511.6 grams of fentanyl, 22 grams of oxycodone pills, and confiscated \$34,222. Trafficking cases between April 21 and April 30 resulted in 50.7 grams of fentanyl seized and \$48,386. confiscated.

“I am truly impressed by the hard work by all of our narcotics detectives,” said Lt. Kagan. “These cases are the result of their relentless efforts to investigate drug dealers in New Bedford. The impact of their work will be felt in the community.”

Chief Joseph Cordeiro agrees. “Our officers are out there daily facing two ongoing public crisis events but remain focused on community policing and their priorities to keep the city safe, prevent and combat crime,” said Cordeiro. “They constantly demonstrate remarkable resilience and dedication during a very challenging time in policing. I couldn’t be more proud of them.”

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community, the New Bedford Police Dept. wants to hear from you. You can leave an anonymous tip on our voicemail at (508) 991-6300 Ext. 1.