New Bedford traffic stop, information, lead to arrest of Fall River man for firearm, narcotic offenses

"***INFORMATION LEADS TO GUN & DRUG ARREST ***

New Bedford police detectives have seized a handgun and narcotics following a recent traffic stop.

Narcotics Det. Jordan DaSilva had received information concerning a male in possession of a firearm. On May 2nd, at approximately 10 AM, this male's vehicle was observed traveling in the west-end sector. At this time, detectives were able to conduct a stop of the suspect and his vehicle in the area of the Durfee St./Hathaway Blvd. intersection.

The suspect was identified as Mr. HARLEY DOCANTO, 27, of Fall River. Upon searching the vehicle, DOCANTO was found to be in possession of a Polymer 80 with a Glock barrel handgun along with an extended magazine that was loaded with 15 rounds of ammunition. A baggie containing 43 tablets of oxycodone was also located.

DOCANTO was taken into custody and charged with possession of a firearm, ammunition, and a high-capacity feeding device without a license. He was also charged with illegal possession of a class "B" substance.

New Bedford police officers have long recognized the nexus which exists between weapons and illicit narcotics. We will continue to act upon any information we receive concerning the possession and distribution of either. If you would like to provide information to us, you may do so anonymously on our website, Facebook page, or by calling 508-99-CRIME."-New

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