

Traffic stop leads to arrest of 20-year old wanted New Bedford man for allegedly trafficking cocaine

"New Bedford police detectives have arrested a wanted man for trafficking cocaine following a traffic stop.

On February 4th, detectives were monitoring activity in the south-end sector when they observed a vehicle with an expired inspection sticker. While stopping the vehicle on Mosher St., the operator, later identified as Mr. JULIUS ANDRADE, 20, of 403 Allen St., quickly parked in a driveway and attempted to walk away. He was stopped by detectives as the investigation continued.

As the result of a subsequent search of the vehicle, two plastic baggies containing over 130 grams of cocaine were discovered in the passenger seat beneath some clothing. ANDRADE was found to be unlicensed, and had an active warrant out of Sanford, Maine. He was taken into custody and later found to have an additional 40 grams of cocaine in his pants.

ANDRADE is charged with trafficking in cocaine in excess of 100 grams, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and being a fugitive from justice.

The investigating detective was Matthew Sylvia.

If you have any information on criminal activity in your neighborhood, 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. You can also leave a tip at our website, www.newbedfordpd.com."