

Police arrest 15 in prostitution sting in New Bedford's north end

The New Bedford Police Department narcotics unit arrested 15 people on charges of sexual conduct for a fee Thursday as part of an effort to address concerns about prostitution in the north end. They are scheduled to be arraigned Friday in district court.

Those arrested were:

Teofilo Dasilva, 35, of New Bedford.

Robert J. Souza, 59, of Fall River

Carol Rioux, 58, of Fall River

Denis Ramos, 28, of New Bedford.

Nataly Quintana, 32, homeless.

Jason Moniz, 34, of New Bedford.

James Ferreira, 51, of New Bedford.

Bogar Nixon Mendoza, 39, of Rochester.

Francisco Rodrigues, 54, of New Bedford.

Desiree Defreitas, 46, of New Bedford.

Crystal Rodriguez, 32, of New Bedford.

John C. Letendre, 55, of Fall River

Tammy Defreitas, 39, of New Bedford.

Police also arrested Emmanuel Marquez, 30, of New Bedford, on charges of possession of class B substance (Suboxone strips) and on a warrant charge.