

Two New York Men arrested with 13 pounds of heroin in Chicopee

This morning, at approximately 12:25 a.m., Trooper Matthew Stone, assigned to the State Police Barracks in Springfield, stopped a Toyota Venza on Route 391 northbound by Exit 6 in the city of Chicopee for a motor vehicle violation. The vehicle contained three occupants.



The operator was identified as ERIK BATISTA-REYES, 20, from Bronx, N.Y. The passengers were identified as FELIX CERRATEGIL, 20, and GESLER ECHAVARRIA, 20, also both from Bronx, N.Y. Sergeant Mark Weiner, Trooper Jonathon Blanchard, and Trooper Sean Kenney and his K9 partner Berry responded to assist with the motor vehicle stop.

As a result of an investigation and subsequent search of the motor vehicle, troopers located 400 half-packs of Heroin containing an estimated total of 20,000 individual baggies containing the drug. The approximate total weight was approximately 5,900 grams – or 13 pounds. The individual bags were stamped with the words “Grey Goose” in blue ink.

Troopers placed the three men under arrest and transported them to the Springfield Barracks, where they were booked and held pending bail and arraignment today in Chicopee District Court.

ERIK BATISTA-REYES was charged with the following offenses:

- 1) Trafficking in Heroin;

- 2) Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle;
- 3) Conspiracy to Violate the Drug Law; and

BATISTA-REYES was also issued a motor vehicle citation for; 4) Speeding and Fail to Drive in Right Lane.

FELIX CERRATEGIL was charged with the following offenses:

- 1) Trafficking Heroin; and
- 2) Conspiracy to Violate Drug Laws.

GESLER ECHAVARRIA was charged with the following offenses:

- 1) Trafficking Heroin; and
- 2) Conspiracy to Violate Drug Laws.