

# Convicted Westport drug dealer already out on bail, arrested again in Fall River and found dangerous

A 32-year-old Westport convicted drug dealer arrested late last month on Fentanyl Trafficking charges while already out on bail from a separate Plymouth County drug case was found dangerous by a Fall River District Court Judge last week and will be held without bail for up to 120 days, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Scott Laberge is facing charges in Bristol County for Fentanyl Trafficking, Cocaine Trafficking, Possessing a Class B Drug and Possessing a Class E Drug.

On July 27, Fall River Police detectives developed information that the defendant was selling fentanyl and crack-cocaine out of a U-Haul box truck. Detectives observed the defendant walking around a U-Haul truck parked in the Liberal Club parking lot. The detectives immediately approached him and read him his Miranda rights.

When asked if he had anything illegal inside the truck, he motioned his head toward the inside of the rear of the truck. Inside a backpack which was located in the back of the truck, detectives found numerous bricks of fentanyl, a plastic bag filled with crack cocaine, five alprazolam pills, four buprenorphine and naloxone films, a digital scale, a box of plastic sandwich bags, and a wallet containing debit cards with the defendant's name on them.

During a search of the cab of the truck, detectives found a cigarette pack containing an additional 10 blue glassine baggies of suspected fentanyl and a small amount of suspected

crack cocaine.

The dangerousness hearing was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Emily Johnson and the dangerousness finding was ordered by Judge Joseph P. Harrington.

"I am pleased the court held the defendant without bail as a danger to the community. He is on probation for selling drugs and was also out on bail from another court for other drug charges," District Attorney Quinn said.