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**NEW BEDFORD MEN SENT TO STATE PRISON FOR TRAFFICKING
HEROIN IN PLYMOUTH**

PLYMOUTH – Two New Bedford men have pleaded guilty to trafficking Heroin, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Christian Feliciano (DOB: 10/22/83) and Jose Rivera-Chevere (DOB: 01/06/87), pleaded guilty late Wednesday to one count each of Trafficking Heroin. Plymouth Superior Court Judge Cornelius Moriarty sentenced each man to serve eight years to eight years and one day in State Prison.

On November 30, 2015, Plymouth Police made a routine traffic stop of a red Plymouth Voyager van driving along Seven Hills Road with a broken rear tail light. There were three passengers and a driver inside the vehicle. As police approached the vehicle, all occupants were observed to be moving erratically inside the car. Plymouth Police instructed the occupants to exit the vehicle, where they were then pat frisked. Police located two hockey puck-sized packages of suspected Heroin on Rivera-Chevere. Police also found Rivera-Chevere with two cell phones, a crack pipe, used syringes and a spoon with suspected Heroin residue on it.

While searching Christiano Feliciano, police located a box cutter, a crack pipe and \$4,480 in cash. After removing Christian Feliciano from the rear of the cruiser at the Plymouth Police Department, officers located a discarded package of heroin, consistent in size and packaging as the items taken from Rivera-Chevere.

In searching the vehicle, police also found three additional cell phones and a tablet.

Assistant District Attorney Brian Fahy prosecuted the case, which was investigated by the Plymouth Police Department.

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