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THREE MEN ARRESTED, FENTANYL SEIZED

BROCKTON – Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office along with the State Police Commonwealth Interstate Narcotics Reduction Enforcement Team have arrested three men on charges that they distributed large quantities of Fentanyl into Plymouth County, District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

As part of a two month-long investigation, the State Police Units identified a major Fentanyl distribution network being operated by several people out of a Dorchester apartment and distributing significant quantities of drugs to customers throughout Plymouth County. As a result of this investigation, State Police sought and obtained narcotics search warrants from Suffolk Superior Court for the Dorchester apartment and a 2003 Acura MDX that State Police investigators identified as a vehicle being utilized to transport and store narcotics for distribution. At approximately 4:35 pm yesterday, the Acura MDX arrived at a location in Hingham. Two male occupants exited the vehicle and were detained while a search of the car was executed. State Police observed one of the vehicle’s occupants, Delfin Daniel Mendez (DOB: 8/13/85) of Boston, throw a clear plastic bag containing approximately 10 grams of suspected Fentanyl. Inside the vehicle, police located a digital scale and an amount of cash. As a result, Mendez and Jose Armando Reynoso (DOB: 12/31/97), of Boston, were placed under arrest without incident.

Simultaneously, State Police, assisted by Boston Police, executed a narcotics search warrant at 40 Dacia Street in Dorchester. While attempting to make entry, officers found the door to be fortified with two deadbolts, an additional lock and barricaded by furniture. Once inside, State Police observed numerous clear plastic bags containing suspected Fentanyl floating in the bathroom toilet and additional bags were observed clogging the toilet drain. State Police seized a total of 50 bags weighing one gram each of suspected Fentanyl. Four larger bags of Fentanyl were seized from a bedroom where Omar Saldana (DOB: 02/08/91) of Boston, was located. State Police also seized \$2,950 in cash, packaging material, a digital scale, miscellaneous paperwork, cellphones, and a video surveillance system. As a result, Saldana was placed under arrest by State Police.

Mendez and Reynoso will be arraigned in Hingham District Court on one count each of Trafficking a Class A Controlled Substance, Fentanyl, and Conspiracy to Violate the Controlled Substance Law. Saldana will be arraigned on the same charges in Dorchester District Court.

The investigation is ongoing and was conducted by State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, State Police CINRET South, with assistance from Boston Police and Hingham Police.

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