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**WAREHAM MAN SENTENCED TO SERVE FIVE YEARS IN STATE PRISON
ON DRUG CHARGES**

PLYMOUTH – A Wareham man pleaded guilty and was sent to State Prison for charges that he trafficked cocaine and other narcotics, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

Anthony Frates, 80, of Wareham, pleaded guilty yesterday in Plymouth Superior Court to one count each of Trafficking Cocaine, Possession with Intent to Distribute Class C, Subsequent Offense, and two counts of Possession with Intent to Distribute a Class B, Subsequent Offense. Plymouth Superior Court Judge Elaine Buckley sentenced Frates to serve five years to five years and one day in State Prison.

After a two-month long joint investigation by Wareham Police, Taunton Police, and the Massachusetts Parole Board, it was determined that Frates was using his home in Wareham as a base of operations for delivering drugs between Wareham and Taunton. Frates was observed making routing trips from his home to meet up and sell drugs to clients. As a result, Wareham Police sought and obtained a search warrant for Frates's residence at 125 Highland Shores Drive in Wareham, and on August 13, 2019, the warrant was executed. In the home, police seized 175 grams of cocaine, 14 Methadone Hydrochloride pills, and 28 Clonazepam pills.

Assistant District Attorney Brian Fahy prosecuted the case.