



**CITY OF FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**SUBJECT:** FALL RIVER - Drug Arrest  
**DATE:** July 12th, 2018

On Wednesday, July 12th, 2018, at approximately 12:45 am, Detectives of Fall River Police Departments Vice and Intelligence Units along with Officers of the Special Operations and Major Crimes Divisions executed 2 No-Knock Search Warrants at 901-903 Rodman Street in Fall River. The targets of these search warrants were *Jeffron S. Obannon age 33* of apartment 1E (lead Detective Gary Barboza) and *Shavez Brandon age 26* (second floor)(lead Detective Luis Duarte).

Detective Barboza was assisted in the execution of his search warrant by his K9 partner Capone, and Detectives Tryce Garrant, Josh Robillard, Richard Aguiar, Nicholas Magan, and Detective Sergeant Andrew Joseph. Upon entering the entry Detectives found the apartment door locked. The door was breached by Detective Garrant. Upon entering, target Jeffron S. Obannon ran into the bathroom where Detective Barboza apprehended him. All parties present were secured, provided a copy of the search warrant and K9 Capone began his search.

Upon entering a large walk-in closet, K9 Capone alerted Det. Barboza to the presence of Narcotics inside the pocket of a jacket suspended by a hanger. Inside that jacket pocket was a plastic baggie containing 16 suspected Oxycodone pills and a Tylenol bottle containing 9 suspected Suboxone. Located on a nightstand was a scale, an unlabeled prescription type bottle with 59 suspected Trazodone pills, a wallet with a large amount of cash and a Massachusetts license for the target of the search warrant Jeffron S. Obannon.

***Jeffron S. Obannon age 33*** with a last known address of 903 Rodman Street Fall River was taken into custody on charges of Posses to Distribute a Class B substance – 2 counts, and Possession of a Class E substance.

While this was taking place on the first floor, Detective Duarte executed his search warrant on the second floor with the assistance of Detectives Steve Washington, James Elumba, Athan Parousis, and Detective Sergeant Greg Wiley of the Vice Unit, Officer Matt Mendes of the Special Operation Division, Detective Luis Vertentes of the Major Crimes Division.

Detective Duarte found the apartment door unlocked and walked in announcing his presence and purpose. The target of the search warrant was found lying on a mattress. All parties present were secured and provided a copy of the search warrant.

During the search, Detective Washington located a shoe box. Inside the shoe box was a white pair of sneakers. Secreted inside the shoe area, Detective Washington located a plastic sandwich bag with 10 suspected Methadone pills. A scale, suspected drug ledger, plastic baggies, and a small sum of cash were also located.

**Shavez Brandon age 26** with a last known address of 1091 Rodman Street Fall River was taken into custody on charges of Possess to Distribute a Class B Substance.

At approximately 2:00 am Uniform Division Officers Kiel Huard and William Pavao were on patrol and performing check of the Kennedy Park Pavilion due to drug use and vandalism complaints occurring during the overnight hours. They encountered Jonathan J. Kay age 32 crouched down behind a pillar. He was covering a knife and cigar wrappers. The park is posted with a signage from the City indicating a closing time of 9:00 pm. Kay informed these officers that he was homeless and just passing through the area. Due to the knife, Officers immediately escorted Kay to the police cruiser for their safety. Kay denied ownership of a backpack left behind. Officer Huard retrieved the backpack and upon opening it located a Massachusetts Benefits card with a photo for Jonathan J. Kay. Also in the backpack was a scale, small rubber bands and blue glassine wrappers consistent with heroin packaging, 22 doses of Heroin, 2 Suboxone strips, and marihuana in three individual baggies consistent with street-level sales.

**Jonathan J. Kay age 32** with a last known address of 146 Lowell Street Fall River was taken into custody on charges of Trespassing, Possession to Distribute a Class A Substance, Possession to Distribute a Class D Substance, and Possession of a Class D Substance,

(Photos Attached)

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