



**CITY OF FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**SUBJECT:** FALL RIVER - Drug Arrests  
**DATE:** July 30th, 2018

On Wednesday, July 25th, 2018, at approximately 7:30 pm, Detectives of Fall River Police Departments Vice and Intelligence Units executed a Search Warrant at 188 East Main Street in Fall River. The targets of this search warrant were Elijah Alexander Sapp age 20 and Wendy L. Amaral age 43, both of apartment 1.

Lead Detective Richard Aguiar was assisted by Detectives Tryce Garrant, Josh Robillard, Nicholas Magan, Athan Parousis, Gary Barboza, Luis Duarte, Detective Sergeant Greg Wiley and Detective Sergeant Andrew Joseph.

On arrival in the area, Detective Aguiar observed SAPP in front of the residence. Detective Aguiar exited his unmarked police vehicle with his badge displayed and announced that he had a search warrant. SAPP fled into the apartment. Det. Parousis located SAPP in the kitchen while Wendy Amaral was located in the living room. Both SAPP and AMARAL were detained and a search commenced. Inside the only bedroom in the apartment, Det. Barboza located a baggie containing a small white rocky substance believed to be crack cocaine in a bureau containing both men's and women's' clothing. Located behind a television was another baggie believed to be crack cocaine. In all approximately 2.3 grams of suspected crack cocaine was recovered.

***Elijah Alexander Sapp age 20 and Wendy L. Amaral*** age 43 both with a last known address of 188 East Main Street Apt. 1, Fall River, were taken into custody on a charge of Possession of a Class B Substance.



On Friday, July 27th, 2018, at approximately 8:30 am, Detectives of Fall River Police Departments Vice and Intelligence Units executed a Search Warrant at 539 Fourth Street in Fall River. The targets of this search warrant were Montana Rose Fernandes age 20 and Jesus Velez-Ibarra age 22, both of apartment 2R.

Lead Detective Tryce Garrant was assisted by Detectives Josh Robillard, Nicholas Magan, Luis Duarte, and Detective Sergeant Greg Wiley.

Upon entering the building and approaching the target door, which was equipped with a security camera, Detectives knocked and announced their presence and purpose. A female voice was heard asking 'who is it'. Detectives knocked again and announce 'police'. The door remained unanswered. Detectives breached the door and located FERNANDES placing an item into a dog food bin. Both FERNANDES, who dropped a small clear baggie from her shorts while being detained and VELEZ-IBARRA were secured and a searched commenced.

Located inside the dog food bin was a clear plastic bag of a brown powdery substance suspected to be Heroin. 3 bags of suspected Heroin were located behind a picture frame. A Large bundle of cash was located behind a matching picture frame. A second bundle of cash was located under a mattress. A scale, a box of clear plastic baggies and black elastics for bundling were also confiscated. The security camera and monitor were also confiscated. Approximately 369 grams of suspected Heroin was seized.

***Montana Rose Fernandes age 20 and Jesus Velez-Ibarra age 22*** both with a last known address of 539 Fourth Street apt 2R were taken into custody of a charge of:  
Trafficking in 200 Grams or more of Heroin (94C/32E/H).



Montana Rose Fernandes age 20



Jesus Velez age 22

(Photos Attached)

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