



**CITY OF FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS
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PRESS RELEASE

SUBJECT : Fall River Police Departments Vice and Intelligence Unit –Search Warrant

DATE : Friday, August 17th, 2018

On Thursday August 16th, 2018, at approximately 11:30 pm, Detectives of Fall River Police Departments Vice and Intelligence Unit were armed with a search warrant for Victoria Travassos age 35 and her 2014 Cadillac ATS. Lead Detective Nicholas Magan followed and stopped the vehicle in a parking on Mariano Bishop Blvd.

Lead Detective Magan was assisted by Detectives Steven Washington, Josh Robillard, Matthew Gauvin, Athan Parousis, Richard Aguiar, and Detective Sergeant Greg Wiley.

Upon stopping the Cadillac, occupants Travassos and driver Matthew J. Amaral age 29 were detained and the search warrant executed. Located in the seat occupied by Amaral was a knotted baggie containing orange pills. This baggie contained 5 suspected Adderall pills and two smaller baggies containing suspected crack cocaine.

During the search of the vehicle, suspected crack cocaine was located inside the center console. Two pocketbooks, containing large sums of cash, were located on the passenger side floorboard. Located within a compartment on the dashboard were 600 blue glassine baggies containing suspected Heroin, a digital scale, and a white powdery substance suspected to be cocaine. In all 600 doses of Heroin, 9.85 grams of Cocaine, 8 grams of Crack Cocaine, and 5 Adderall pills were seized.

Matthew J. Amaral age 29 of 338 Tickle Road Westport and
Victoria Travassos age 35 of 578 Osborn Street Fall River, were taken into custody on charges of:

Possession with intent to Distribute a Class A Substance and
Three counts of Possession with Intent to Distribute a Class B Substance.

On Friday, August 17th, 2018, at approximately 11:00 am, Detectives of Fall River Police Departments Vice and Intelligence Unit executed a **No-Knock Search Warrant** at 186 Fountain Street apartment #3 in Fall River. The target of this search warrant Ari Rason age 40.

Lead Detective Magan was again assisted by Detectives Steven Washington, Josh Robillard, Matthew Gauvin, Athan Parousis, Richard Aguiar, and Detective Sergeant Greg Wiley. Detectives forced their way into apartment three and quickly located Rason in the living room area. Rason was detained and a searched commenced. Detectives located a baggie containing 7.5 grams of a white powdery substance suspected to be cocaine, plastic baggies and a digital scale.

Ari Rason age 40 of 186 Fountain Street apartment 3 was taken into custody on charges of Possession with intent to Distribute a Class B Substance and Possession of a Class B Substance

(Photos Below)

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