



**CITY OF FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Office of Professional Standards



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PRESS RELEASE

SUBJECT: FALL RIVER
DATE: September 25th, 2018

On September 24th, 2018, at approximately 6:00 pm, Fall River Police Departments Special Operations Division Gang Unit Officers Matt Mendes and Kevin Bshara were on patrol in street clothes and operating an unmarked police cruiser traveling west on Palmer Street toward South Main Street. The Officers observed a red Ford Focus stopped approximately twenty-five feet away from the South Main Street stop sign. The Officers pulled up behind the vehicle and observed the operator and passenger so involved in matters unrelated to operating a motor vehicle that they were unaware the vehicles in front of them drove away leaving the Focus twenty-five feet from the intersection threshold and stop sign.

The Focus suddenly drove off, failing to stop at the stop sign and made a right turn followed by another right turn onto Peckham Street and nearly sideswiped the vehicles parked on Peckham Street. The Focus drifted to the left side of the road, into oncoming traffic then attempted to enter a driveway on Peckham Street. Officers activated the cruiser emergency lights and stopped the vehicle. Officer

Bshara recognized the operator as Kristopher Moss and remarked that he did not have a license to operate a motor vehicle. Mr. Moss made several movements including turning his back to the officers, placing his hands between his legs, and reaching under his buttocks. After repeated request to stop his movements and for his failure to comply, the officer removed Mr. Moss from the vehicle for their safety. As they did the officers observed a large quantity of suspected cocaine packaged for street-level sales in the seat. The total quantity of cocaine seized amounted to 80 grams.



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Kristopher Moss

Age 28

Charges:

Trafficking in
Cocaine (80 grams)

Operating after
Suspension

Failure to Stop

Failure to Use Care

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Kristopher Moss age 28 of 124 Grinnell Street was taken into custody on charges of Trafficking Cocaine (a Class B Substance), Operating a Motor Vehicle After Suspension of License, Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign, and Failure to Use Care.

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