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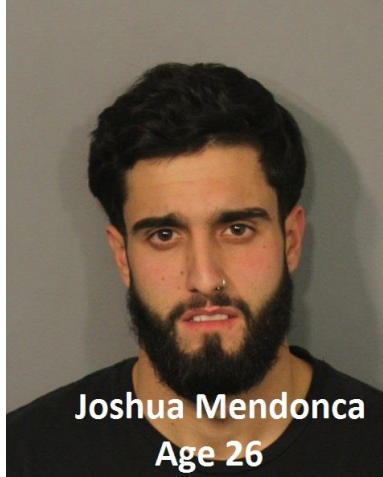
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On Tuesday, November 28th, 2017 at approximately 2:30 pm Fall River Police Department Vice and Intelligence detectives executed a NO-KNOCK search warrant at 255 Mott Street 3rd floor in Fall River. Detective Luis Duarte Jr. was the lead detective.

During the execution of the search warrant, Detectives forced their way into the apartment. The target of the search warrant was not home. During the subsequent search detectives found two safes, one a floor model, the other a wall model. Also found was a single .223 caliber round and an empty box of 9 mm ammunition. The target of the search warrant **Joshua Mendonca age 26** was contacted by phone and stated he was on his way home but would not surrender the combinations to the safes.

Detectives were able to gain access to the large wall safe prior to Mr. Mendonca arriving and found a shot gun, shot gun shells, 9mm cartridges, empty ammunition boxes, a large sum of cash, and **over seven pounds of marihuana**. Upon discovery of the shotgun, Detective Jon Rose of the Fall River Police Departments Identification Unit was notified to respond photograph and collect the shotgun and ammunition.



When **Joshua Mendonca** age 26 of 255 Mott Street 3rd Fall River, Ma. arrived on scene he was placed under arrest for the charges of:

- Possess to Distribute Class D Drug (Marihuana)
- Possession of a Shotgun without F.I.D. card
- Possession of Ammunition without an F.I.D. card

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