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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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***Fall River Police Vice Unit Detectives Conduct Search Warrant and Charge Male with Trafficking Heroin over 36 grams.***

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Fall River Police (FRPD) Vice Unit Detectives arrested a 57 year old male, **Darryl Creer** and a 52 year old female, **Rhonda Stephens** at their residence. Members of the FRPD Vice Unit were armed with a valid search warrant for 1284 Bedford Street and the target of the search was Darryl Creer. Once it was determined that Darryl Creer was at the residence; detectives made their way to the house. Upon reaching the residence they knocked on the door and announced "Fall River Police! Search Warrant!" Upon detectives entering the home, there were 5 other individuals found to be present in the home.

A search of the residence was conducted. Located in the bedroom, in the pocket of a flannel shirt, were three (3) golf ball sized, knotted clear plastic bags. The bags contained a light brown powder recognized as heroin. \$1181.00 in cash was located in the front pockets of a pair of jeans in the bedroom. Also located in the bedroom were two green ziplock bags of suspected heroin inside a metal tin. This suspected heroin was later weighed and totaled 55.9 grams. Located inside a fanny pack was an additional 14.5 grams of suspected heroin. Additionally 14 pills were located in a jacket pocket which was in the bedroom closet. The various pills were later identified. They consisted of Alprazolam (1), Amphetamine and Dextoamphetamine (7), Buprenorphine Hydrochloride and Naloxone Hydrochloride (2) and Buprenorphine Hydrochloride (4).



**Darryl Creer** was placed under arrest for Trafficking Heroin over 36 grams, Possession of a Class “E” substance, three counts of Possession of a Class “B” Substance, and Distribution of a Class “A” Substance.



**Rhonda Stephens** was also placed under arrest and charged with Possession with Intent Distribute Class A Substance.

Community Members wishing to assist the Fall River Police Department can anonymously do so by calling the Anonymous TIPS Line (508)672-TIPS. The Fall River Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to help in an anonymous manner.

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