



**CITY OF FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS  
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**PRESS RELEASE  
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On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2108 at approximately 3:30 P.M. Detectives from the Fall River Police Departments Vice and Intelligence Unit were in the area of third and Spring Street due to citizens complaints of open-air drug sales in the area. While there Detective Joshua Robillard observed a black Mazda parked by the intersection occupied by two males. As the detective continued to watch, he observed a male, known to him as Matthew Lucianno approach the vehicle and open the rear door. Lucianno leaned inside the vehicle briefly before closing the door and walking away.

Due to Detective Robillard's training and experience, he believed a drug transaction had just occurred. He approached the vehicle and engaged the two occupants in conversation. While doing so, Lucianno returned and attempted to converse with the vehicle occupants. Detective Robillard interjected, asking Lucianno if he remembered him. Lucianno replied no. Detective Robillard displayed his badge of office.

At this time Detective Robillard was joined by other detectives. Detective Robillard informed Lucianno of his observations. Lucianno gave consent to Detective Robillard to search his pockets. While searching, the detective located a small baggie containing suspected heroin. Lucianno replied he forgot that was there.

Matthew P. Lucianno age 26 Last known address 252 Third Street was taken into custody on a charge of Possession of a Class A drug (Heroin).

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at approximately 4:30 P.M. Detectives Nicholas Magan and Joshua Robillard were in the Corky Row Neighborhood when they observed a white Toyota stop in front of 19 Lyon Street. A male exited the home, entered the front passenger seat of the Toyota. The vehicle pulled away from the curb and drove a distance of less than 50 feet. The vehicle stopped, the male exited and began to walk back toward the Lyon Street home. Due to Detective Magan's training and experience, he believed a drug transaction had just occurred. Detective Magan exited his vehicle and approached the male with his badge displayed. The male fled. After a brief chase and struggle the male was apprehended. Detectives Magan and Robillard received assistance from Uniformed Patrol Officer William Silvia Jr.

Tony Santos age 39 last known address 19 Lyon Street was charged with Possession of a Class A substance (16 baggies of suspected Heroin) as well as Resisting Arrest and Assault.

(Photos Attached)

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