



**CITY OF FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**SUBJECT:** FALL RIVER – Search Warrant / Top Ten Arrest  
**DATE:** January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

On Friday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at approximately 5:30 pm, Detectives of Fall River Police Departments Vice and Intelligence Unit were in the area of 135 Haffards Street performing a pre-search warrant surveillance. The target of the search warrant was Stephen Arpa age 28. Stephen Arpa was also listed on the Top Ten Most wanted by the F.R.P.D.

Lead Detective Joshua Robillard was assisted by Detectives Heather Moniz, Gary Barboza, Paul McGuire, Bryan Custadio, Richard Aguiar, Matthew Gauvin, Kwin Silva, and Detective Sergeant Thomas Mauretti.

Detective Aguiar observed Arpa walk onto Haffards Street and notified detectives who were seated in their vehicles. As Detectives exited their vehicles with their badges displayed, Arpa fled on foot. While running, Arpa threw a bundle to ground. Detective Silva was able to catch, tackle and take Arpa into custody. Detective Robillard recovered the bundle, which upon closer examination; turn out to be a bundle of suspected Heroin. During a search of Mr. Arpa, detectives seized 8 plastic bags of suspected Heroin (86.3 grams), 4 plastic bags of suspected Fentanyl (64.1 grams), 49 glassine bags of suspected Fentanyl, 243 glassine bags of suspected Heroin, 27 Zubsolv pills, cash, 2 cell phones, and 3 gift cards.

Detectives went to the apartment and executed the search warrant. Detectives located a scale, Inositol (used as a cutting agent), a large amount of empty glassine bags, elastics, 6 gift cards, and a grinder.

Stephen Patrick Arpa age 28 of LKA 782 Rock Street Fall River was placed under arrest on charges of:

Trafficking Heroin/morphine/Opium and Possession to Distribute a Class B substance.

The Top Ten warrant was also served on Mr. Arpa for Trafficking in 200 grams or more of Heroin/morphine/Opium.



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Stephen Arpa

Age 28

LKA 782 Rock Street #3 Fall River, Ma.

Charges:

- Trafficking in 200 Grams or More - Heroin/Morphine/Opium,
- Trafficking in 100 Grams or Less Heroin/Morphine/Opium
- Possess to Distribute a Class B drug



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