

Shaun C. Campbell

They were arrested after police responded to a report of disorderly conduct at 75 Washington St., Apartment 8, the same apartment where a city man was found beaten to death last November.

Melissa Sue Clark, 31, whose address is listed as that apartment, was on probation for a conviction July 5, 2016, on a charge of unlawful trafficking in heroin that occurred Oct. 21, 2015, in Augusta. She was sentenced to a two-year, all-suspended jail sentence and three years of probation. A second charge of unlawful trafficking in scheduled drugs was dismissed at that time.

She now faces charges of aggravated trafficking in heroin and unlawful trafficking in crack cocaine. A judge set her bail at \$50,000 cash, and she is being held without bail on a probation violation charge. The aggravated trafficking charge carries a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison.

Shaun C. Campbell, 34, of Augusta, was convicted of unlawful possession of drugs and sentenced in March 2014 to an initial 18 months in prison, with the remainder of the seven-year sentence suspended, with three years of probation. He is charged with aggravated trafficking in heroin and unlawful possession of crack cocaine. His bail is set at \$75,000 cash.

Shawn D. Dallas, 24, also known as "Glow," of New York City, was convicted in June 2015 of unlawful trafficking that occurred Dec. 9, 2014. He was sentenced to a year in prison and fined \$400. Court documents also indicate he has prior felony convictions on drug charges in New York. He is charged with aggravated trafficking in heroin and unlawful trafficking in crack cocaine. His bail is set at \$75,000.

Elizah K. Cherry, 31, of Bonita Springs, Florida, is charged with unlawful trafficking in heroin and unlawful possession of crack cocaine. His bail is set at \$40,000 cash. Records at the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office show Cherry gave an address in Old Orchard Beach in November 2015 when he was arrested on the Maine Turnpike in Portland on a charge of domestic violence terrorizing.

Alyssa Theriault, 20, of Gardiner, also is charged with unlawful trafficking in heroin and unlawful possession of crack cocaine. Her bail is set at \$7,500 cash with a Maine Pretrial Services contract.

Judge Tom Nale said bail could be reconsidered once attorneys are appointed for the individual defendants.

A court affidavit by Augusta police Detective Matthew Estes says that Clark answered the door when police arrived and "a strong odor of marijuana" was emanating from the apartment. Estes said he heard a commotion inside a closed bedroom, which Clark said was hers. She first told police she was alone, then said she had a friend.

Estes said Campbell came out of the bedroom, and then Clark said others were there as well. Estes said officers searching the closet in that room found bags containing substances that field-tested as heroin and crack cocaine. Police later said they found 10.37 grams of heroin and 2.52 grams of crack cocaine.

Estes said no one claimed ownership of the drugs, and that an amount over 10 grams "is a common amount drug dealers have when selling the drug."

Clark later told police that Dallas and Campbell had been at her apartment most of the day and that Dallas had brought two plastic bags there, according to Estes' affidavit.

The arrests took place at the same apartment in which Joseph Marceau was beaten to death in November. Four people were charged in connection with that high-profile case. Damik Davis, 26, of New York, and Sean McQuade, 45 of Augusta, have pleaded not

guilty to murder. Zina Marie Fritze, 27, of Augusta, also pleaded not guilty to murder, though she died after she was found unresponsive and hanging from a bed sheet in January in her cell at the Kennebec County jail. In July, the fourth suspect, Aubrey Armstrong, was arrested in Queens, New York, on a fugitive from justice warrant in Queens. He's due in court on Oct. 3 in New York state.

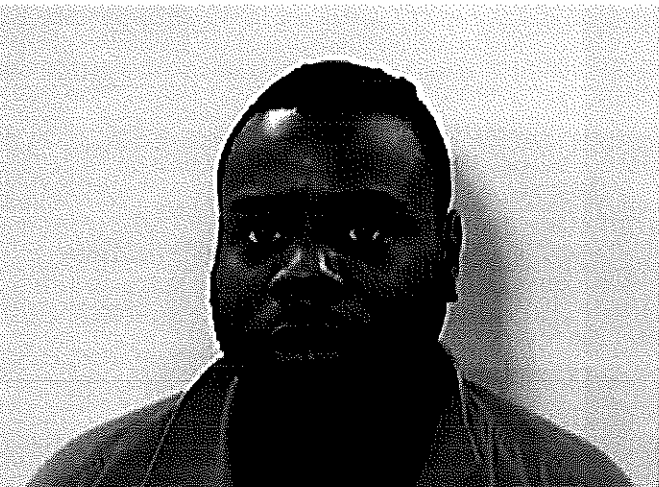
Court records indicated McQuade and Fritze were being evicted from the apartment at the time.



Shawn Dallas



Melissa Sue Clark



Elizah K. Cherry

From: McCausland, Stephen on behalf of News, DPS
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 8:56 AM
Subject: More on Sand Hill Druggies - KJ 8/18

Bail set for five arrested in Augusta apartment on drug charges

Court records show three of those arrested Monday have prior convictions for similar drug offenses.

BY BETTY ADAMS STAFF WRITER

AUGUSTA — Three of the five people arrested on drug charges Monday in a city apartment had prior convictions for drug offenses, according to court records. All five had initial hearings Wednesday at the Capital Judicial Center via video link from the Kennebec County jail. A judge set bail for each with conditions prohibiting them from having contact with each other and from leaving Maine.



Alyssa Theriault

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 5:06 PM
Subject: BELFAST MUSHROOM AND ACID ARREST

From: Steve McCausland [<mailto:stevemc@gwi.net>]
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To: McCausland, Stephen
Subject: BELFAST MUSHROOM AND ACID ARREST

> MUG AT THE WALDO COUNTY JAIL

Contact: Commander Scott Pelletier – 207-822-0371

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> Belfast, Maine- The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency announces the arrest of a Dover- Foxcroft man for Unlawful Trafficking in LSD and Psilocybin Mushrooms.

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> Arrested was 25 year old Jeremy Taylor of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine for, Class B, Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Lysergic Acid) and Class C, Trafficking in Schedule X Drugs (Psilocybin)
> For the past month agents from the MDEA Mid-Coast District Task Force along with investigators from the Belfast Police Department and Knox County Sheriff's office, conducted an investigation into the illegal distribution of Psilocybin Mushrooms and Lysergic Acid (LSD) by Taylor . Wednesday afternoon Taylor was arrested without incident when he arrived at the Belfast Hannaford's parking to meet with an undercover agent to sell LSD. Seized from Taylor was over a pound of Mushrooms and 100 doses of LSD. The street value of the seized drugs was \$8,000.

> Taylor was transported to the Waldo County Jail where bail was set at \$5,000. He is scheduled to appear at the Waldo County Unified Court on September 19, 2016.

> Psilocybin Mushroom and LSD are strong hallucinogenic drugs that frequently cause long term psychological damage to those who use it.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2016 10:55 AM
Subject: PORTLAND COKE-OXY SEIZURE-ARREST
Attachments: CarriganDrugs7212016.jpg

From: Steve McCausland [<mailto:stevemc@gwi.net>]
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2016 10:54 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: McCausland, Stephen
Subject: PORTLAND COKE-OXY SEIZURE-ARREST

> MUG AT THE CUMBERLAND JAIL.

for more info Contact: Commander Scott Pelletier – 207-822-0371

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Maine Drug Enforcement Agents and Portland Police have arrested a Portland man for selling Cocaine and Oxycodone. Seized was \$25,000 worth of cocaine and oxycodone pills and \$19,000 in cash .

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> Arrested is 47 year old Craig Carrigan of Portland for, Class A, Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Cocaine HCL), Class A, Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Oxycodone).

> For the past two months agents from the MDEA Cumberland District Task Force, conducted an investigation into the illegal distribution of coke and oxycodone pills by Carrigan who distributed the drugs in greater Portland from his apartment.

> Thursday afternoon , MDEA agents and Portland Police searched his apartment at 40 East Kidder Street, Apt. 3 in Portland and seized over 7 ounces of cocaine, 246 (30mg) oxycodone pills, cutting agents, packaging materials and \$19,000 dollars in suspected drug proceeds. The approximate street value of the seized drugs is \$25,000 dollars.

> Carrigan was arrested without incident and transported to the Cumberland County Jail where bail was set at \$25,000 cash.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 3:11 PM
Subject: PORTLAND HEROIN ARREST

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Subject: PORTLAND HEROIN ARREST

MUG AT THE CUMBERLAND JAIL

Contact: MDEA Commander Scott Pelletier – 207-822-0371

As part of an on-going state wide effort focused on the distribution of heroin , Maine Drug Enforcement and Portland Police arrested a New York man today for Class "A" Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin).

Arrested was 25 year old Bobby A. Forte of the Bronx, New York for, Class A, Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin) and a federal warrant charging Fugitive from Justice out of New York.

For the past three months, agents assigned to MDEA's Cumberland District Task Force have been investigating the sale of heroin in Greater Portland by a New York based group. Agents identified several people who delivered and sold heroin to local heroin users and agents made several undercover purchases of heroin .

This morning around 9 am, agents and officers of the Portland Police Department arrested Forte on the Western Promenade . Forte, who is on federal probation in New York for weapons charges, was arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant out of New York for pending weapons and drug trafficking charges.

Seized from Forte was approximately 18 grams (180 doses) of heroin packaged for resale, with a street value of \$3,000.

Forte was transported to the Cumberland County Jail where he is being held as a Fugitive from Justice with no bail. His bail was set at \$50,000 cash on the new drug charges.

Other New York members working with Forte as well as several local people have been identified and charges against them will be reviewed by the Maine Attorney General's Office for presentation to a future grand jury.

*↳ why not federal charges
US Attorney*

From: McCausland, Stephen on behalf of News, DPS
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2016 8:42 AM
Subject: Pittston Heroin - KJ 8/3

Bronx pair arrested in Pittston on heroin trafficking charges

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office made the arrests during a traffic stop Tuesday on South Beech Hill Road.

BY CHARLES EICHACKER STAFF WRITER

Two New York men were arrested Tuesday morning in Pittston for allegedly trafficking heroin, following an investigation by the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office. Arrested were 27-year-old Anthony Robert Cappuccio and 25-year-old Devin Jarrell Jackson, both of Bronx, New York, according to Deputy Chief William Johnson, of the sheriff's office. Police made the arrest around 10:30 a.m. during a traffic stop on South Beech Hill Road, Johnson said, after investigating the two men and securing an arrest warrant. Maine State Police assisted with the arrest. Both men were charged with aggravated trafficking of scheduled drugs and possession of scheduled drugs, said Johnson, who identified the drug as heroin. Johnson did not know the amount of heroin the men were allegedly carrying or what their bail was set at.

"This is an all day thing (the detectives) are working on," Johnson said. "It was an ongoing investigation, and their work culminated in the arrest warrants and a traffic stop." Police took the men to the Kennebec County jail in Augusta, Johnson said.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 1:08 PM
Subject: WASHBURN METH LAB

FROM: MDEA Commander Peter Arno and Washburn Police Chief Roy Guidry

As the result of a joint investigation between the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and the Washburn Police Department, a methamphetamine manufacturing operation was dismantled late last week in Washburn. A husband and wife have been charged with aggravated drug trafficking offenses.

For the past several weeks, investigators assigned to MDEA's Aroostook Task Force along with Washburn Police have been investigating the suspected meth lab and sale of the drug by a husband and wife. This investigation included the undercover purchase of drugs from the couple's home on Main Street in Washburn.

On Thursday, August 4, agents from MDEA's laboratory response team, along with Washburn Police searched the home at 1349 Main Street. Discovered was a significant amount of evidence consistent with the manufacturing of methamphetamine. Just prior to searching the home, agents located one of the occupants, Darin Cunningham, driving along the South Wade Road in Wade. As they attempted to stop Cunningham, agents observed him throwing, what was later determined to be meth making material, out the window of the vehicle.

Darin Cunningham, 36, and his wife, Kaylie Cunningham, 31, have both been charged with Aggravated Operation of a Methamphetamine Lab. This charge was aggravated because their home is less than 1000 feet from a designated school zone. Both were transported to the Aroostook County Jail where bail was set at \$10,000 cash or \$100,000 surety for both. In addition, a referral was made to DHHS because a child also lives at the residence. The child was not at home at the time. This investigation is continuing and more charges are possible.

Washburn PD and the MDEA were assisted by the Aroostook Sheriff's Office, Maine DEP, Crown Ambulance and the Washburn Fire Department.

This is the 91st meth response by MDEA this year. There were 56 for all of 2015.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 1:31 PM
Subject: 5 ARRESTED IN HANCOCK METH LAB

MUGS AT THE HANCOCK JAIL

MDEA says five people have been arrested in connection with the sale of methamphetamine in Hancock County.

Late Tuesday night the case led investigators to a mobile home off the Old County Road in the Town of Hancock. The mobile home was located at Lot #18 in Hancock Heights Mobile Home Park. Agents suspected that this was the location where the methamphetamine was being manufactured. Around 2:30 this morning, investigators arrested the five who were located inside the mobile home.

Charged thus far in connection with this investigation are--

1. Dominique Torrey- 22, of Otis. Torrey has been charged with 1 count of Class B Trafficking in Methamphetamine and 1 count of Class B Unlawful Operation of Methamphetamine Lab
2. Matthew Peasley- 28, of Otis. Peasley has been charged with 1 count of Class B Unlawful Operation of a Methamphetamine Lab.
3. Jennifer Thurston- 24, of Tremont. Thurston has been charged with 1 count of Class B Unlawful Operation of a Methamphetamine Lab.
4. Shannon Nicholson, (male)- 45, of Tremont. Nicholson has been charged with 1 count of Class B Unlawful Operation of a Methamphetamine Lab.
5. Loren Wayne Spurling, (male)- 25, of Tremont. Spurling has been charged with 1 count of Class B Unlawful Operation of a Methamphetamine Lab.

All were transported to the Hancock County Jail in Ellsworth. It is anticipated they will make an initial appearance in Hancock County Unified Court later today.

Once a search warrant is signed, MDEA's meth lab team will process the contents of the mobile home.

MDEA is being assisted in the investigation by the Hancock County Sheriff's Office and Ellsworth Police. In addition, the following agencies will be assisting the lab team this afternoon; a chemist from the State Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory, the

Maine DEP, Hancock Emergency Management Agency, Hancock Fire Department, County Ambulance and the Hancock Sheriff's Office.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 1:43 PM
Subject: MAINE MOTORCYCLE DEATHS

**FOR MORE INFO – LT. BRUCE SCOTT, MAINE STATE POLICE - 624-8946 or
LAUREN STEWART, DIRECTOR OF THE MAINE BUREAU OF HIGHWAY SAFETY
– 626-3840**

Although motorcycle deaths in Maine are almost half of what they were a year ago, State Police have organized a working group to review last year's numbers. 2015 ended with 32 motorcycle deaths. So far this year there have been six motorcycle deaths, compared to ten at this same time in 2015.

The study group is made up of State Police, the Bureau of Highway Safety, the Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Maine Motorcycle Political Action Committee and the United Bikers of Maine.

John Kohler, Motorcycle Safety Program Coordinator from the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles, compiled these statistics of the 2015 fatal motorcycle crashes --

- All crashes occurred during dry road conditions.
- 74% were during daylight hours.
- 73% involved excessive speed.
- 74% alcohol use was confirmed or suspected.
- 33% were a result of improper cornering.
- 74% were not wearing a helmet.

- Nearly half of crashes did not involve other vehicles
- 3 involved wildlife (2 deer, 1 moose).

The group also concluded that poor judgment by the operator of the motorcycle was a factor in most of the crashes .

The latest motorcycle death took place last week in China when the motorcycle pulled out in front of a vehicle. Leonard Huff, 73, from Saxonburg, PA died Saturday from his injuries at the hospital. The crash took place on Friday, as Huff was driving out of the parking lot of Red's Restaurant along Route 3 and into the path of an oncoming car.

The motorcycle study group had the following safety tips --

- Don't ride a motorcycle unless you have been properly trained and licensed to do so.
- If you are already properly licensed take an experienced rider's course to freshen up your skills.
- Slow down, especially on corners and rough terrain.
- Don't ride impaired (alcohol or drugs).
- Wear proper safety equipment.(helmet with face shield or eye protection, jacket, boots, gloves and leather gear)

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 2:59 PM
Subject: SANFORD HEROIN ARRESTS

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Contact: MDEA Commander Scott Pelletier – 207-822-0371

MUGS AT THE YORK COUNTY JAIL

Four Sanford residents have been arrested on heroin charges, as the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency working with Sanford and State Police, investigate the flow of heroin in the community. Investigators have not yet determined whether the arrests have any connection with the six overdoses reported last week in a 24 hour period in Sanford.

Arrested today was Ashlyn Smith (26) of Sanford for, 2 counts, Class A Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin) and three others were arrested earlier in the month --

Ian Blow (25) of Sanford for, Class A, Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin/Fentanyl)

Samantha Barnett (25) of Sanford for, Class A, Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin/Fentanyl)

Stephanie Meunier (26) of Sanford for, Class A Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin/Fentanyl)

For the past two months, agents assigned to MDEA's York District Task Force have been investigating the sale of heroin in Sanford by the four.

On June 2,, agents with the assistance from State Police stopped a car in Lebanon operated and occupied by Blow, Barnett and Meunier. Agents intercepted the trio as they were returning from Lawrence, Massachusetts with heroin to be sold in greater Sanford. Seized were 25 grams of a heroin/fentanyl mix. The three were arrested and remain in the York County Jail where bail has been set at \$25,000 cash each. Drug agents also conducted undercover purchases of heroin from Smith.

Agents obtained arrest warrants for Smith charging her with the undercover purchases. She was arrested today at her Sanford residence by agents and Sanford Police. Smith was transported to the York County Jail. Bail was set on the warrants at \$50,000 cash on each count.

Additional arrests are anticipated by MDEA and Sanford Police as the investigation continues .

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 10:42 AM
Subject: SW HARBOR HEROIN

FOR MORE INFO -- MDEA Commander Peter Arno- 207-941-4737

MUGS AT THE HANCOCK JAIL

Two men have been charged with selling heroin in Southwest Harbor as the result of a several month investigation by MDEA's Downeast Task Force, Southwest Harbor Police and the Hancock Sheriff's Office.

Drugs agents searched a home at 258 Main Street in Southwest Harbor, last week. As agents and officers arrived at this residence, the two men fled from the house when they saw officers arriving. Ellsworth Police Sgt. Shawn Willey and his K-9 "Chase" were able to locate one of the males hiding in the woods a short distance from the Main Street residence. He was identified as Andres Martinez aka: "P", 42, of Hudson, New Hampshire. The second man who ran from the house was identified as Ian Jellison, 35, of 258 Main Street in Southwest Harbor, who turned himself in on June 17.

As a result of evidence gathered during the investigation, to include heroin and approximately \$1500 in cash, both Martinez and Jellison have been charged with Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin) and both were taken to the Hancock County Jail. Bail on Martinez was set at \$25,000 cash and Jellison's bail was set at \$3000 cash. Both are scheduled to appear in Hancock County Unified Court on August 12, 2016. The investigation is continuing with more arrests likely.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2016 1:41 PM
Subject: ORIENT METH LAB
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MUGS AT THE JAIL

FROM: MDEA Commander Peter Arno -207-941-4732

Maine Drug Enforcement Agency's clandestine lab enforcement team responded late yesterday afternoon to a residence along Route 1 in Orient, Maine to the state's 87th suspected methamphetamine laboratory related incident of 2016. Orient is 28 miles south of Houlton .

Earlier MDEA agents from the Aroostook County Task Force accompanied Maine Probation and Parole officers to the residence of Zachary Faulkner. While there, they located evidence of methamphetamine manufacturing and notified the lab team.

The dwelling was searched last night by team members - specially trained agents from around the state, along with a State of Maine Chemist, who collected a substantial amount of evidence. All the evidence collected was indicative of the manufacturing of methamphetamine using a process commonly referred to as a "one pot" or "shake and bake" method.

Arrested and transported to the Aroostook County Jail were--

1. Zachary Faulkner- 29, of Orient. Charged with Class B Trafficking/Manufacturing of a Schedule W Drug (Methamphetamine) and violation of probation. No bail allowed.
2. Angel Stoddard- 18, of Orient. Charged with Class B Trafficking/Manufacturing of a Schedule W Drug (Methamphetamine). Bail set at \$10,000 cash.
3. Chase Honeywell- 20, of Orient. Charged with Class B Trafficking/Manufacturing of a Schedule W Drug (Methamphetamine). Bail set at \$10,000 cash.

MDEA was assisted at the scene by the Danforth Fire and Rescue, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office and the Maine Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory. This investigation is continuing and more arrests are likely.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2016 9:06 AM
Subject: MORE METH
Attachments: METH BANGOR 5-16.jpg

*Steph -
Please to sure we
get all mugs
with release*

Photo is the Bangor scene on Wednesday.
MUGS OF THE TWO MEN AT THE TWO JAILS

MDEA says meth labs discovered inside a home in Bangor and a vehicle in Lincoln bring to 73 the number of meth responses by the drug agency this year. There were 56 for all of 2015. Bangor Police took 49 year old Jeffrey Miller into custody at a home at 67 Deer Isle Road Wednesday and charged him with a meth lab discovered last month on Hammond Street. Found inside the Deer Isle apartment was a second meth lab , which required a response from the MDEA meth lab team Wednesday night. Drug agents then charged Miller with meth manufacturing, in addition to the Bangor PD charge. Miller is at the Penobscot jail.

Lincoln Police discovered a meth lab inside a car they stopped in the town yesterday. 29 year old Jared Lovett of Lincoln was charged with manufacturing meth. Lovett was taken to the Penobscot County Jail. Found in his car were three bottles with the ingredients to make the drug. The drug agency's meth team also responded to that scene.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 1:19 PM
Subject: OXFORD COUNTY HEROIN
Attachments: ParisHeroin6222016.jpg

FOR MORE INFO Contact: MDEA Commander Scott J. Pelletier - 207-822-0371

MUGS AT THE OXFORD JAIL

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency announces the arrest of four people in Paris for their roles in trafficking heroin in Oxford County. Along with the arrests, about 800 doses of heroin were also seized.

Arrested were:

Jacolby Morrison (18) of Norway, Maine for, Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin) Class A. Violation of Administrative Release Class D

Jonathan Keefe (27) of Wakefield, Massachusetts for, Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin) Class A

Laurie Jones (52) of Norway, Maine for, Unlawful Possession of Schedule W Drugs (Heroin) Class C

Jared Jones (22) of Norway, Maine for, Unlawful Possession of Schedule W Drugs (Heroin) Class C

The investigation began in part after the heroin related overdose death of an 18 year old woman in Norway on September 12, 2015. Over the past eight months investigators identified several people suspected of distributing heroin in the county who were associates of the victim. During the investigation agents were able to make undercover purchases of heroin from Morrison earlier this year. Morrison was subsequently arrested for Trafficking Heroin and was out on bail for those charges at the time of his arrest last night. In addition to MDEA officers from the Paris, Oxford, Norway Police Departments and State Police, assisted in the investigation and the search of an apartment at 235 High Street in Paris late last night.

Earlier Tuesday investigators conducted surveillance of the apartment at the Buck Hill Apartments in Paris. The apartment rented to Laurie Jones was a suspected location used to distribute heroin by Morrison and Keefe. Morrison and Keefe routinely traveled to Massachusetts to purchase heroin that was later distributed in Maine. Seized in the apartment were approximately 80 grams (800 doses) of heroin, scales, packaging materials and \$1,600 dollars of suspected drug proceeds. The approximate street value of the seized heroin is \$12,000.

Morrison and Keefe were arrested for Aggravated Trafficking in Heroin and transported to the Oxford County Jail. No bail was allowed for Morrison, Keefe's bail was set at \$25,000 cash.

Laurie Jones and her son Jared Jones were arrested for possessing heroin and transported to the Oxford County Jail where bail was set at \$500 each.

MDEA agents will continue to work on the case and the aftermath of the death.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2016 10:25 AM
Subject: SANFORD HEROIN ARREST
Attachments: Vance Gun.jpg

**Contact: MDEA Commander Scott Pelletier – 207-822-0371
Sanford Police Chief Thomas Connolly – 207-324-9170**

MUG AT THE YORK COUNTY JAIL

Joint Press release from Sanford Police and The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency

As part of an on-going state wide effort focused on the distribution of heroin and other opiates, MDEA's York District Task Force, along with the officers of the Sanford Police Department, have arrested a Sanford man for three counts of Class "A" Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin).

Arrested was: Brian Vance (27) of Sanford for, 3 counts. Class A, Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin/Fentanyl)

For the past three months, agents assigned to MDEA's York District Task Force and Sanford Police have been investigating the distribution of heroin in Sanford by Vance and others associated with him. During the investigation agents were able to make undercover purchases of heroin from Vance.

Yesterday, August 25, 2016 at approximately 4 pm, agents and Sanford Police attempted to locate Vance in Sanford in order to take him into custody on arrest warrants charging two counts of Class A, Aggravated Trafficking in Heroin/Fentanyl. The arrest warrants were the result of the earlier undercover purchases of heroin from Vance. Vance was located and arrested while walking on Winter Street. A search of Vance at the time of his arrest revealed Vance to be concealing approximately 10 grams of a heroin/fentanyl mix, a loaded handgun, and a boot knife.

Vance was transported to the York County Jail by Sanford Police and charged with the arrest warrants. Bail was set at \$50,000 cash. An additional charge of Class A, Aggravated Trafficking in Heroin while armed with a firearm was added as a result of the seizure of the heroin and firearm. Bail on that charge was set at an additional \$50,000 cash.

The approximate street value of the seized heroin is \$1,500.

The investigation is continuing and others associated with Vance who are distributing heroin have been identified. Additional arrests are expected as the investigation continues.

MDEA Commander Scott Pelletier said , "Maine is experiencing an increase in the number of heroin/fentanyl related overdoses and deaths. This arrest illustrates the dangers posed to our communities and law enforcement personnel and the lengths that those who chose to distribute illegal drugs will take by arming themselves with firearms to protect their profits and drugs."



Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2016 9:22 AM
Subject: BANGOR OXY ARRESTS AND \$40,000 SEIZED
Attachments: abreau_seizure.jpg

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MUGS AT THE PENOBSCOT JAIL

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency has arrested a New York man and Veazie woman at a Bangor motel following a several month investigation into the distribution of significant amounts of Oxycodone from their room. In addition to Oxycodone pills, MDEA agents seized \$40,000 in cash which they believe resulted from this week's drug sales. Agents say a substantial number of people were seen coming and going from the couple's room during the week.

MDEA investigators received information that drugs were being sold from a room at the Comfort Inn located on Bangor Mall Blvd.. The investigation included the undercover purchase of Oxycodone from the room. Seized Thursday from the motel room were approximately 260 Oxycodone 30 mg. pills, with a street value of \$8000. In addition, agents located nearly \$40,000 in suspected cash proceeds.

Arrested in the room were Steve ABREAU, whose street name is "Swift", 25, of the Bronx, New York, and Meredith PERRONE, 32, from Veazie. Both were charged with Class "B" Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Oxycodone) and transported to the Penobscot County Jail. Bail on ABREAU was set at \$70,000 cash. PERRONE's bail was set at \$25,000 cash. Both were expected to make initial appearances today in Bangor Unified Court.

MDEA received assistance in this investigation from Bangor Police and the US Drug Enforcement Administration. The investigation is continuing and more arrests are likely and what drugs agents say is the latest example of out of state drug dealers relocating to Maine.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen on behalf of News, DPS
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2016 9:49 AM
Subject: Mugs of the Oxy Couple



Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen on behalf of News, DPS
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2016 9:47 AM
Subject: Brunswick Drug Arrests - TR 5/6

Pair arrested on felony drug trafficking charges in Brunswick

The Times Record



Maine Drug Enforcement Agents search a car stopped by Brunswick police at the Irving Station on outer Pleasant Street Thursday afternoon. DARCIE MOORE/THE TIMES RECORD

BRUNSWICK

A Bath man and Brunswick woman were arrested on drug charges in Brunswick Thursday afternoon following a two-month investigation by the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and local police agencies. MDEA agents were searching the vehicle at around 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot at the Irving gas station located at 205 Pleasant St., after Brunswick police stopped the car. According to a press release issued by Brunswick Police Department, Scott Coombs, 39, of Bath was arrested as he returned to the Brunswick area from Portland. Investigators had information that he went to the Portland area to pick up heroin and crack cocaine that was coming back to the Bath and Brunswick area to be resold.

Coombs has been under investigation for the last two months for alleged trafficking between the two cities. Police seized from his possession a loaded .40 caliber Smith and Wesson handgun, approximately \$2,000 worth of heroin and \$300 worth of crack cocaine, hypodermic needles, marijuana and Narcan.

At the time of the stop Coombs also had arrest warrants out of Sagadahoc County for unpaid fines. He was taken to Cumberland County Jail and charged with trafficking heroin (Class B), possession of a firearm by a prohibited person (Class C) and the warrant for failure to pay fine. His bail was set at \$2,000 cash plus the amount of the fine from Sagadahoc County. Coombs is a prohibited person because of prior felony convictions.

Also arrested was the driver of the car. Catherine Carton, 37, of Brunswick was also charged with the Class B crime of trafficking heroin. She was transported to Cumberland County Jail where her bail was set at \$500 cash.

Class B crimes are punishable by up to ten years incarceration and a \$20,000 fine.

The two month investigation as conducted by MDEA, Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office and Bath and Brunswick police departments.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 11:40 AM
Subject: CORRECTION ---LUDLOW METH LAB
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YOUNG WOMAN CHARGED IS KAYLA NASON,,, NOT TARA

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 11:04 AM
Subject: LUDLOW METH LAB

MUGS AT THE AROOSTOOK JAIL

For the second time in less than eight months, an Aroostook County couple have been arrested on methamphetamine charges. The arrests came after MDEA agents found the makings of a meth lab inside a remote cabin in Ludlow, just outside Houlton, Tuesday afternoon while conducting a bail check as a result of last year's charges. The young man and woman, along with the woman's mother, now face a new set of meth related charges.

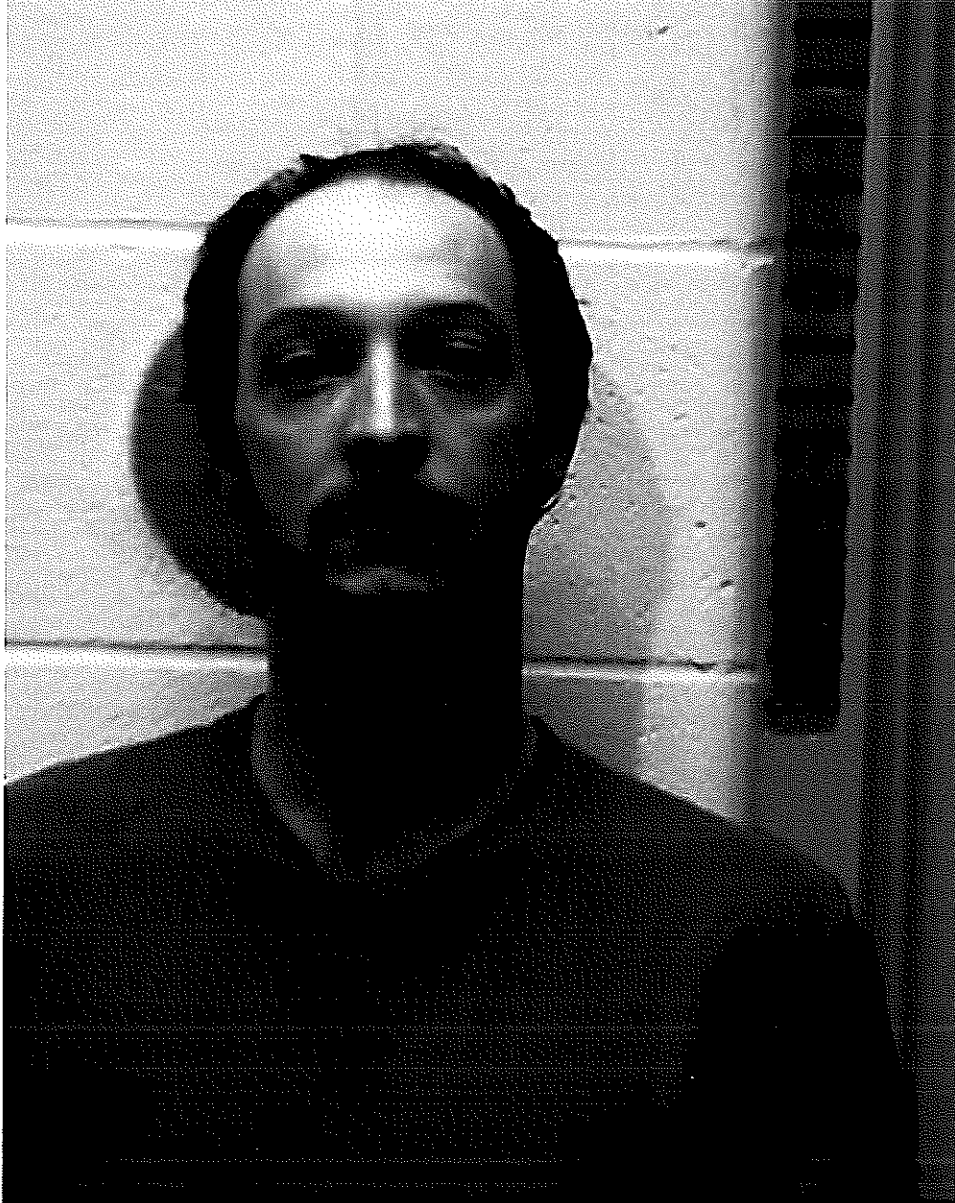
The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency's meth lab response team is at the cabin today on Townline Road to gather evidence and dispose of the dangerous and explosive chemicals. Aroostook County Deputies and drug agents Tuesday rearrested 31 year old James Anthony, 26 year old Kayla Nason, along with Nason's mother, 48 year old Tara Walton. The trio were arrested at the cabin and charged with trafficking in meth and were taken to the Aroostook County Jail . Anthony and Walton also were charged with violating their bail conditions.

Last June, Anthony and Nason were arrested after deputies found the two were cooking meth inside their car on the Ludlow Road in Ludlow. Nason at the time was treated and released for chemical burns as a result to her exposure to the methamphetamine.

This is the 12th meth related incident in Maine this year.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen on behalf of News, DPS
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 1:03 PM
Subject: Ludlow Meth 3 Mugs







Courtesy of Aroostook County Jail

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2016 4:43 PM
Subject: FRYEBURG HEROIN ARRESTS

Mugs at the Oxford Jail. For more info Contact: Commander Scott J. Pelletier - 207-822-0371 -The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency arrested two Sweden Maine residents late Friday night for transporting heroin into Maine from Massachusetts to be resold throughout Western Maine.

Arrested were:

Derrek Verrill (26) of Sweden, Maine for Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin) Class A and Illegal Importation of Schedule W Drugs (Heroin) Class C.

Gayle Gilmore (18) of Sweden, Maine for Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin) Class A and Illegal Importation of Schedule W Drugs (Heroin) Class C.

For the past month, agents from the MDEA Western District Task Force, the Oxford County Sheriff's Office and Fryeburg Police conducted an investigation into the illegal distribution of heroin by Verrill and Gilmore. The investigation revealed the two were traveling to Massachusetts weekly to purchase heroin then return to Maine where they sold it to local users.

On April 15 at approximately 11:30 pm, Verrill and Gilmore were arrested without incident after they were stopped in their Toyota Corolla on the West Fryeburg Road in Fryeburg. Agents had received information that the two were returning from Massachusetts with a large amount of heroin. A search warrant for the two and the Toyota Corolla was obtained in anticipation of it's' return to Maine.

A search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of approximately 60 grams (600 doses) of heroin with an approximate street value of \$10,000.

Verrill and Gilmore were transported to the Oxford County Jail where bail was set for Verrill at \$15,000 cash. Gilmore's bail was set at \$5,000 cash.

The investigation is continuing and additional arrests are expected.
Also assisting in the traffic stop and arrest were the State Police.

Forwarded from my Blackberry.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 10:52 AM
Subject: LEBANON FENTANYL ARREST AND SEIZURE
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The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency says a Lebanon man was arrested early this morning, charged with selling fentanyl. Taken into custody at his home by the State Police tactical team was 61 year old Francis Sinclair, who was charged with Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Fentanyl) Class B. For the past three months, drug agents from the MDEA York District Task Force have conducted an investigation into the distribution of heroin and fentanyl by Sinclair, including a number of undercover purchases of the drug from him at his home.

Around 4 am this morning agents and troopers as well as 3 State Police canine teams searched Sinclair's home at 646 River Road in Lebanon. Due to a number of officer safety concerns including a number of guns positioned throughout the home, the State Police Tactical Team made entry into the home.

Sinclair was located inside and arrested without incident. A search resulted in the seizure of approximately 50 grams of suspected heroin/fentanyl mix, which is the equivalent of 500 doses. Also seized were 11 firearms, some \$2,000 in suspected drug proceeds, electronic scales and other evidence of drug trafficking.

Fentanyl is 30 to 50 times more potent than heroin and is often mixed with heroin or sold as heroin and because of its potency, there is an increased danger of a drug user overdosing. Sinclair was transported to the York County Jail where bail was set at \$25,000 cash.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 4:38 PM
Subject: SOUTH PARIS FENTANYL ARREST

Mug at the Oxford Jail. For more info--Contact: Commander Scott J. Pelletier - 207-822-0371

South Paris, Maine, April 12, 2016 -The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency announces the arrest of a South Paris man for Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Fentanyl)

Arrested was:

Troy Masterman (40) of South Paris, Maine for, Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Fentanyl) Class A. Violation of Administrative Release.

As part of an ongoing investigation into the illegal distribution of heroin and fentanyl throughout the Oxford Hills area of the state, agents from the MDEA Western District Task Force along with officers from the Paris, Oxford, Norway Police Departments as well as the Oxford County Sheriff's Office and Maine State Police, executed a search warrant at 292 Christian Ridge Road, South Paris yesterday at approximately 3:30 pm.

The investigation revealed Masterman to be one of a number of people suspected of distributing heroin and/or fentanyl throughout the towns of Paris, Norway and Oxford.

Seized during the search was approximately 14 grams (140 doses) of suspected fentanyl, scales and drug ledgers along with other items indicative of drug distribution. The approximate street value of the fentanyl is \$2,500.

Masterman was arrested and transported to the Oxford County Jail. No bail has been set due to his violation of an administrative release from an unrelated charge.

Fentanyl is 30 to 50 times more potent than heroin and is often used in the mixing process with heroin or sold as heroin. There is an increased chance of a user overdosing when they believe the drug they are using is heroin but is actually fentanyl.

The investigation is continuing and additional arrests for heroin and fentanyl distribution are anticipated.

Forwarded from my Blackberry.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 9:10 AM
Subject: MORE METH AND MORE ARRESTS
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MUGS AT THE PENOBSCOT JAIL

FROM: Penobscot Nation Police Chief Robert Bryant and MDEA Commander Peter Arno

Ashley Coffman, 35, and Kristopher Loring, 37, both of Indian Island, were charged with Class B Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (methamphetamine) and Class B Unlawful Operation of a Meth Lab. These arrests were the result of an investigation conducted by the Penobscot Nation Police Department with assistance from the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency.

For the past several weeks, the Penobscot Nation Police Department has been conducting an investigation into the suspected manufacturing of methamphetamine by residents of Burnurwurbsskek Lane on the island. Officers on Monday located a significant amount of evidence consistent with the illegal manufacturing of meth which had been discarded in trash destined for the local landfill.

With the assistance of investigators from MDEA's laboratory response team, the police department and MDEA agents searched the house. Coffman and Loring were there along with two young children. Found inside was additional meth related evidence.

Both Coffman and Loring were transported to the Penobscot County jail with bail set on both at \$50,000 cash. The children, ages 2 and 7, were placed into the custody of child protective workers from the Penobscot Nation.

This marks the ninth meth response by MDEA this month and the 26th for the year. The MDEA will continue to work closely with the Penobscot Nation Police Department on this investigation. More arrests are likely.

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Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 11:14 AM
Subject: SHERMAN FIRE AND METH LAB

The State Fire Marshal's Office says a meth lab has been located after a fire Sunday inside a shed in Sherman. Treated at the scene of the fire was 45 year old Todd Budick for burns to his hands, arms and face. Budick then left the scene. Sunday's fire was discovered by an off duty firefighter who drove by the property on Gallison Road and saw that Budick's clothes were on fire. Fire investigators have been joined today by the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency's lab team which is cleaning up the remnants of the meth lab discovered inside the shed. Two weeks ago, the house that Budick lived in on the property burned to the ground. Fire investigators suspected that methamphetamine may have played a role in the fire, but the cause could not be determined because of the damage. The making of methamphetamine is highly flammable and explosive. This is the 23rd meth related response by MDEA and law enforcement this year in Maine.

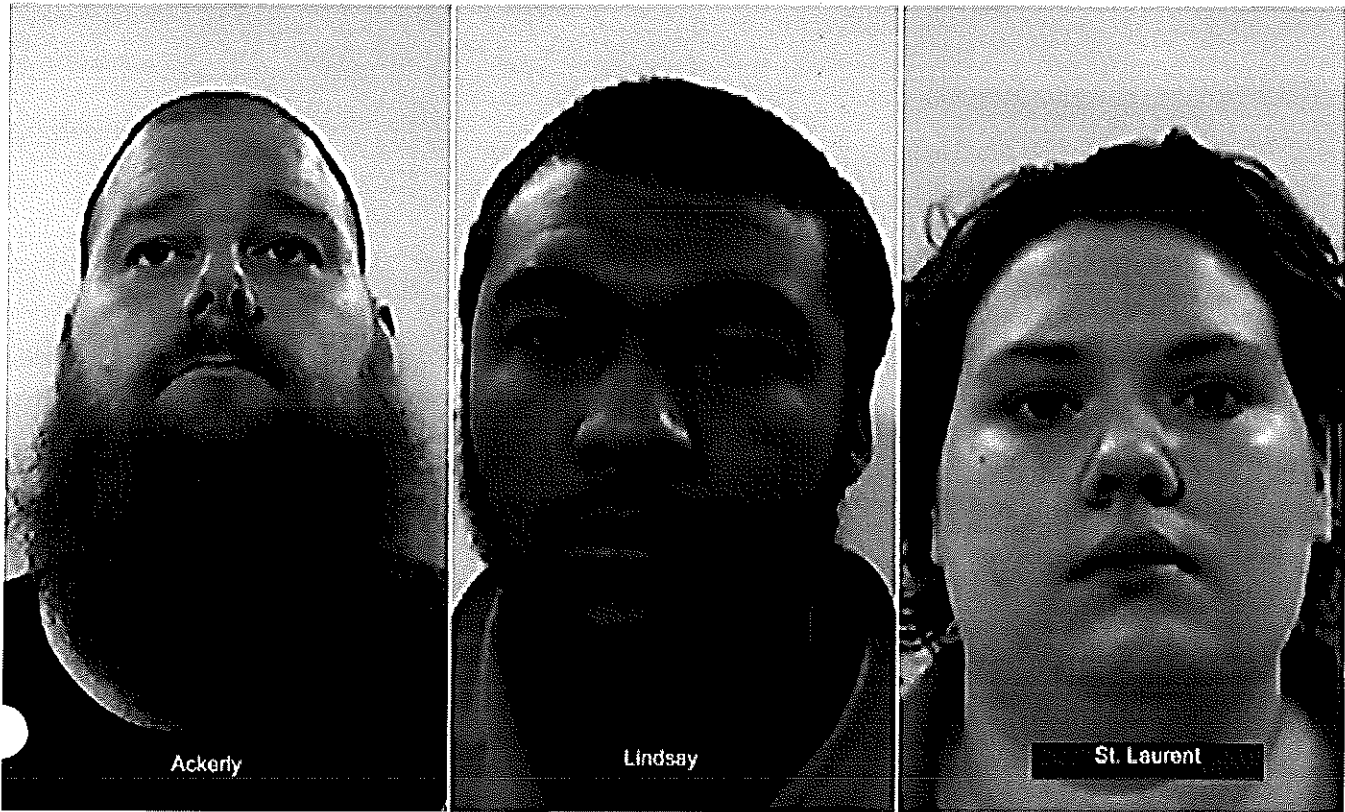
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Ham, Stephanie

Subject:

FW: WINTHROP HERION-- photo to folo



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From: McCausland, Stephen

Sent: Saturday, July 09, 2016 9:37 AM

Subject: WINTHROP HERION-- photo to folo

-The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency announces the arrest of four people in Winthrop for their roles in trafficking heroin throughout Kennebec County. This was a investigation among the Maine Drug Enforcement Agencies South Central Task Force in Augusta, the Winthrop Police Department, the Monmouth Police Department, the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office and the State Police.

Arrested were:

1. Michelle St. Laurent, 28 , of Winthrop, She has been charged with Class "A" Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin) and violation of condition of release. The drug charge was aggravated due to the amount of heroin seized. No bail allowed.

2. Tyrone Lindsay, 20, of Waterbury, Connecticut. He has been charged with Class "A" Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin). Bail was set at \$20,000 cash.

Daniel Ackerly, 30, of Winthrop. He has been charged with Class "B" Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin). Bail has been set at \$2500 cash.

4. Frederick Werner, 59, of Winthrop. He has been charged with Class "B" Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin). Bail has been set at \$2500 unsecured.

As part of the ongoing effort to stem the distribution of heroin throughout Kennebec County, agents from MDEA's South Central Task Force in Augusta, arrested Ackerly and Werner Thursday following an investigation that included the undercover purchase of heroin. The investigation led agents to the home of Michelle St. Laurent located on the Mt. Pisgah Road in Winthrop. Friday afternoon, MDEA Agents, officers from the Winthrop Police Department and State Troopers searched St. Laurent's home. Both St. Laurent and Lindsay were present inside the home at the time. Investigators located 76 grams of heroin, along with approximately \$2400 in cash, suspected to be from the sale of the heroin. The street value of the heroin seized was \$15,000.

All were transported to the Kennebec County Jail following their arrests. Arrest photos are available from the Kennebec County Jail. A court date of September 22 was set for all four defendants.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2016 12:13 PM
Subject: SANFORD HEROIN ARREST

MUG AT THE YORK COUNTY JAIL

MORE INFO FROM MDEA COMMANDER SCOTT PELLETIER – 822-0371

A Sanford man has been arrested by the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency for selling heroin. Shane Eisener, 40, is charged with Class A, Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin/Fentanyl)

For the past two months, agents assigned to MDEA's York District Task Force have been investigating the sale of heroin by Eisener and others who routinely travel to Massachusetts in order to purchase large amounts of heroin to be sold in greater Sanford.

Late Friday night drug agents with assistance from State and Wells Police stopped a car on the Sanford Road in Wells that Eisener was a passenger in. The car was returning from Lawrence, Massachusetts with heroin and cocaine. Seized from Eisener was 42 grams of a heroin/fentanyl mix and 15 grams of cocaine HCL. The approximate street value of the seized drugs is \$7,800. The operator of the vehicle was released pending review of potential charges by the State's Attorney General's Office at a later date. Eisener was transported to the York County Jail and being held without bail because he was already out on bail for an unrelated charge. He is expected to make a court appearance today.

The investigation is continuing and others associated with Eisener have been identified. Additional arrests are expected.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen on behalf of News, DPS
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 9:55 AM
Subject: Waterville Heroin Arrests - MS 7/7

Waterville police arrest Sidney pair on drug trafficking charges

The arrest of a New York man in June who police say was a major supplier led to the recent arrests of the local pair, police say.

BY MADELINE ST. AMOUR STAFF WRITER

WATERVILLE — A months-long drug trafficking investigation ended in arrests of two Sidney residents, spurred by a June southern Maine arrest of a third man police say is a major supplier from New York. Ryan Farnham, 27, of Sidney, and Brooke M. Whitney, 26, of Sidney, were arrested Tuesday at 4:20 p.m. during a motor vehicle stop on College Avenue in Waterville.



Farnham allegedly had \$485 in cash and 3.5 grams of heroin when he was arrested. He was charged with three counts of aggravated trafficking of scheduled drugs, a Class A felony; two counts of criminal conspiracy, a Class B felony; and unlawful possession of a scheduled drug, a Class D misdemeanor.

Whitney was carrying smaller amounts of crack cocaine, a crack pipe and heroin, police allege. She was charged with two counts of unlawful possession of a scheduled drug, a Class D misdemeanor; criminal conspiracy, a Class B felony; aggravated trafficking of scheduled drugs, a Class A felony; and violating a condition of release, a Class E misdemeanor.

They were both taken to the Kennebec County jail in Augusta.

Waterville Police Chief Joseph Massey said Wednesday police were led to Farnham and Whitney following the June arrest of Larnell Hughes, 39, of Bronx, New York, in Cumberland County.

Waterville Detective Duane Cloutier started his investigation when he heard a person who went by the street name L was bringing a large amount of drugs into the Waterville area, Massey said. The other names surfaced as the investigation continued, Massey said Wednesday.

Police identified L as Hughes, who arrived in Portland by bus and was arrested June 8 by Maine State Police on a cocaine trafficking charge, a Class B felony punishable by up to 10 years in jail and \$50,000 in fines.

The Whitney and Farnham arrests were a culmination of a four-month investigation by Cloutier, who was assisted by Maine State Police, the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office and the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, according to Massey.

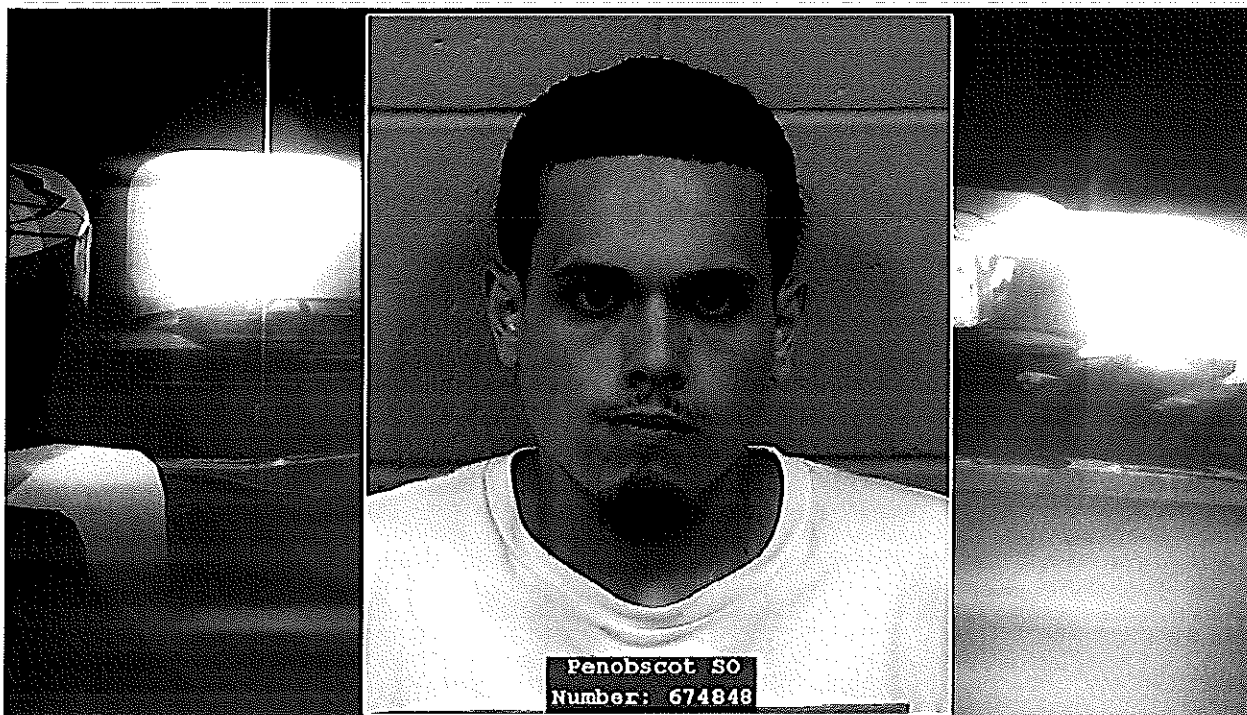
When Hughes was arrested, he allegedly had 58 grams of crack cocaine, which sells for about \$85 per gram, in his possession. He was taken to the Cumberland County Jail.

"They don't come in with pounds of drugs," Massey said, referring to suppliers who distribute drugs into Maine. He said their strategy is to bring in smaller quantities and distribute them quickly.

Ham, Stephanie

Subject:

FW: HERMON OXY ARREST



From: McCausland, Stephen

Sent: Friday, June 17, 2016 10:54 AM

Subject: HERMON OXY ARREST

Contact: MDEA Commander Peter Arno- 207-941-4737

MUG AT THE PENOBSCOT JAIL

On Thursday June 16, 2016, Alex Rios, 26 , of Lawrence, Massachusetts was arrested in Hermon and charged with distribution of a large amount of Oxycodone. This was the result of a six month investigation by MDEA into the distribution of the opiate prescription drug, Oxycodone, throughout Penobscot County. Drug agents from MDEA's North Central Task Force in Bangor arrested Rios late yesterday afternoon just off of I-95 in Hermon. Rios was in possession of 600 Oxycodone 30mg tablets which he had delivered from Massachusetts for re-distribution in Penobscot County. Currently, the street price of a single 30 mg tablet of Oxycodone in the Bangor area is approximately \$43, making the street value of the drugs seized nearly \$26,000.

✓ Following the seizure, Rios was charged with Class (A) Aggravated Trafficking of Schedule W Drugs (Oxycodone) and Class (C) Importation of Scheduled Drugs (Oxycodone). The trafficking offense was aggravated due to the amount of Oxycodone seized. Rios was transported to the Penobscot County Jail where he remains on a \$50,000 cash bail pending an initial appearance later today in the Penobscot County Unified Court. Arrest photo available from the Penobscot County Jail.

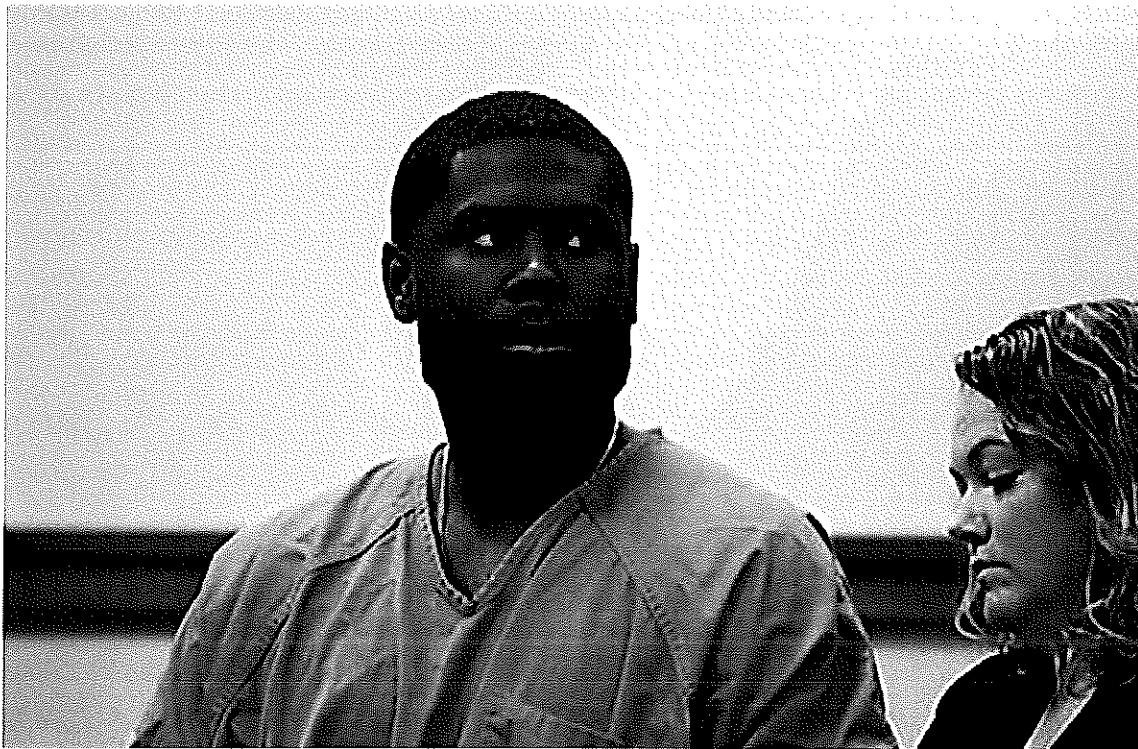
The Penobscot County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration provided assistance to the MDEA during this investigation.

From: McCausland, Stephen on behalf of News, DPS
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 8:45 AM
Subject: Heroin Bust Update - PH 7/6

Connecticut man charged in state's largest heroin seizure held on \$250,000 bail

Police say James Jamison tried to get rid of 2 pounds of the drug as he fled in South Portland on Friday.

BY MATT BYRNE STAFF WRITER



A Connecticut man was ordered held on \$250,000 cash bail Tuesday on several charges stemming from a bust last week that resulted in the largest single seizure of heroin in Maine history. At a first appearance hearing at the Cumberland County Courthouse in Portland, authorities alleged that James N. Jamison, of Waterbury, Connecticut, tried to dump 10,000 packets of heroin – roughly 2 pounds – as he fled a police sting Friday near the Maine Mall in South Portland. The charges he faced Tuesday included eluding an officer, aggravated assault, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to report an accident, reckless conduct, aggravated driving to endanger, and criminal trespassing.

Jamison, 33, is expected to face more serious felony drug charges in Aroostook County, where police say the drugs were headed for distribution. "He's been to Maine a number of times for the sole purpose of distributing heroin," said Cmdr. Scott J. Pelletier of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency. The MDEA is working with the Connecticut State Police to determine the source of the heroin, according to Pelletier. He said an additional 2,800 packets of heroin were seized in Aroostook County as part of the wider investigation, but Jamison's connection to that seizure was not clear. It was not known when that seizure took place.

In the current case for which he appeared Tuesday, investigators allege that Jamison had arranged to sell the heroin for \$30,000 and sought to make the exchange Friday in a parking lot off Maine Mall Road in South Portland near the Cracker Barrel restaurant. Police, who were working with a confidential informant, were waiting to box in his vehicle and arrest him.

Instead of submitting to arrest, police say, Jamison rammed an MDEA van with four agents inside and took off, injuring two of them. South Portland police then tried to pull Jamison over, but they did not pursue when Jamison drove off.

Shortly thereafter, before 11 a.m., Jamison was in a crash on Cummings Road in Scarborough that involved multiple vehicles, and fled the scene on foot. Police found him hiding in a hotel room at the Fairfield Inn Marriott hotel in Scarborough.

A state-appointed attorney representing Jamison on Tuesday asked for \$25,000 bail and said that despite the allegations against him, Jamison holds a full-time job in Connecticut, where he lives with his girlfriend and daughter. More than a dozen family members and friends appeared in the courtroom.

Jamison indicated that he plans to hire his own attorney for future court appearances.

The state asked for \$250,000 and conditions that would prevent him from being released into the custody of a third party who ensured he appeared in court; prohibitions on the possession of alcohol or illegal drugs; and instructions not to leave the state of Maine.

Justice Lance Wheeler agreed to the higher bail and the conditions suggested by the state.

Aroostook County has not been as hard-hit as other parts of the state by the ongoing opioid epidemic, Pelletier said. Selling drugs in less populated areas can also be more lucrative: While a bag of heroin in Connecticut may sell for \$7, Pelletier said, the same amount could go for \$35 in Aroostook County.

The MDEA originally estimated the street value of the 10,000 packets seized Friday at \$450,000, Pelletier said.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 2:28 PM
Subject: 2 POUNDS OF HEROIN SEIZED
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MUG AT THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY JAIL

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency says they have seized over two pounds heroin, in what is believed to be Maine's largest seizure of the drug. Under arrest is a Connecticut man ending a several month investigation by MDEA's Aroostook County Task Force into heroin trafficking in Aroostook County. The heroin was packaged into more than 10,000 individual bags , with a street value of \$450,000.

During this investigation, which involved the undercover purchase of heroin, investigators determined that James Jamison, 33, of Waterbury, Connecticut has been supplying individuals in Aroostook County with substantial quantities of heroin for resale in Northern Maine.

Earlier today agents intercepted Jamison in South Portland. As agents attempted to take him into custody in a parking lot off Maine Mall Road in South Portland near the Cracker Barrel Restaurant, Jamison's car intentionally rammed a MDEA vehicle containing drug agents and fled the area toward Scarborough on Maine Mall Road. South Portland Police attempted to stop Jamison, but he refused and fled the scene. There was no pursuit by law enforcement. Afterwards, Jamison was involved in a multi-vehicle crash on Payne Road at Cummings Road in Scarborough. Jamison then fled that crash site on foot.

After a search by law enforcement of the area, Jamison was taken into custody inside a Scarborough hotel near where he had crashed his car into a delivery truck. Assisting in the search for Jamison was the South Portland and Scarborough Police Departments and State Police.

The three MDEA agents, who were in the vehicle Jamison rammed, received minor injury and have been treated and released from Maine Medical Center. Agents said Jamison put his car into reverse and rammed the van the agents were in at a high rate of speed.

Jamison was transported to the Cumberland County Jail and has been charged so far with the following crimes as the result of agents attempting to take him into custody:

1. Reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon- Class C Felony
2. Aggravated assault- Class B Felony

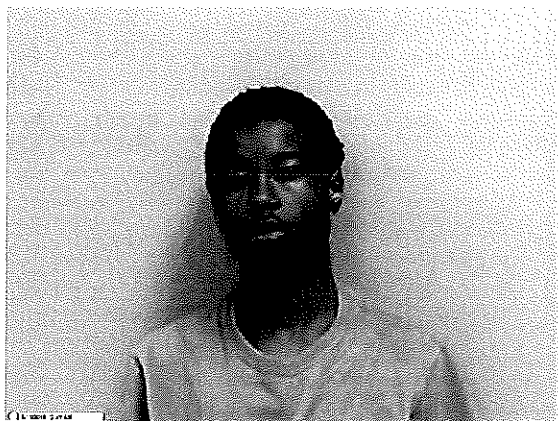
3. Eluding a police officer- Class C Felony
4. Driving to Endanger- Class C Felony
5. Leaving the scene of a personal injury crash- Class D Bail was set on the above charges at \$100,000 cash

Class "A" Aggravated Trafficking in Heroin charges also will be lodged against him by the Aroostook County District Attorney. Jamison will be in Portland court on Tuesday. Assisting MDEA in the drug investigation was the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office, Fort Fairfield Police and the Connecticut State Police Statewide Narcotics Task Force.

Ham, Stephanie

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FW: FAIRFIELD CRACK ARRESTS
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Jamie Martinez Betances

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:08 PM
Subject: FAIRFIELD CRACK ARRESTS

MUGS AT THE SOMERSET JAIL

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency has arrested five people for their roles in distributing Crack Cocaine and Fentanyl throughout Somerset County. Over a pound of crack was seized along with Fentanyl and a gun.

Arrested were:

Markwan Granville (19) of Rochester, New York for Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs, Class A. Bail was set at \$50,000

Jamie Martinez Betances (29) of Rochester, New York for Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs, Class A. Bail was set at \$50,000

Juvenile Male (17) of Rochester, New York for Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs, Class A. Bail was set at \$50,000

Rhonda Goldsmith (43) of Vassalboro, Maine for Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs, Class A. Bail was set at \$25,000

Jeffrey Charette (47) of Winslow, Maine for Unlawful Furnishing of Schedule W Drugs, Class D. Bail was set at \$2,500

Responding to community complaints, for the past two months agents from the MDEA South Central District Task Force, along with investigators from the Somerset and Kennebec County Sheriff's Offices, the Fairfield and Gardiner Police Departments and

State Police conducted an investigation into the distribution of Crack Cocaine and Fentanyl in the county.

The investigation revealed a group from Rochester, New York were traveling to Maine regularly with large amounts of drugs that were sold to local users.

On May 10, 2016 information was developed by Gardiner Police that the group was suspected of storing a large amount of drugs at 376 Center Road in Fairfield. Agents and investigators established surveillance of the Center Road residence as a search warrant was being secured. During the surveillance Goldsmith, Granville and the teenager were observed leaving the Fairfield residence and were subsequently stopped in Augusta. Charette and Martinez Betances were also stopped in Charrettes' vehicle as they left the Fairfield residence.

During the search at 376 Center Road, agents seized approximately 516 grams (18.4 ounces) of Crack Cocaine and 59 grams (2.1 ounces) of Fentanyl. A loaded handgun was also seized. The approximate street value of the drugs is \$72,000.

All five were arrested and transported to the Somerset County Jail where bail was set. The aggravating factor in their charges is the presence of a firearm and weight of the drugs.

The investigation is ongoing and additional arrests are expected. Agents are also investigating what connection the home owners; who were not present at the time and the numerous people who stay at the residence have to the investigation.

Ham, Stephanie

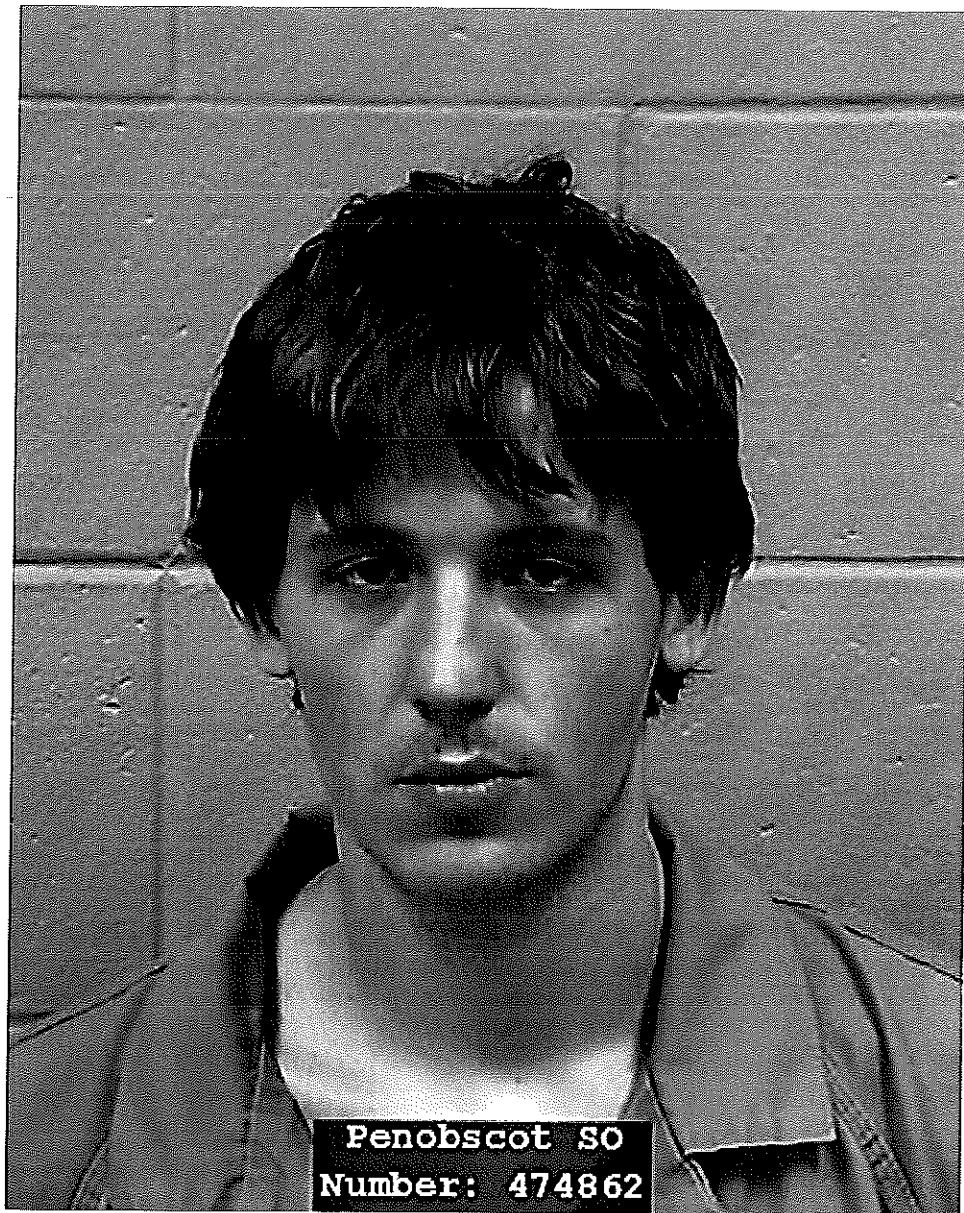
From: McCausland, Stephen on behalf of News, DPS
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 9:16 AM
Subject: Brewer Meth Arrests - BDN 5/4

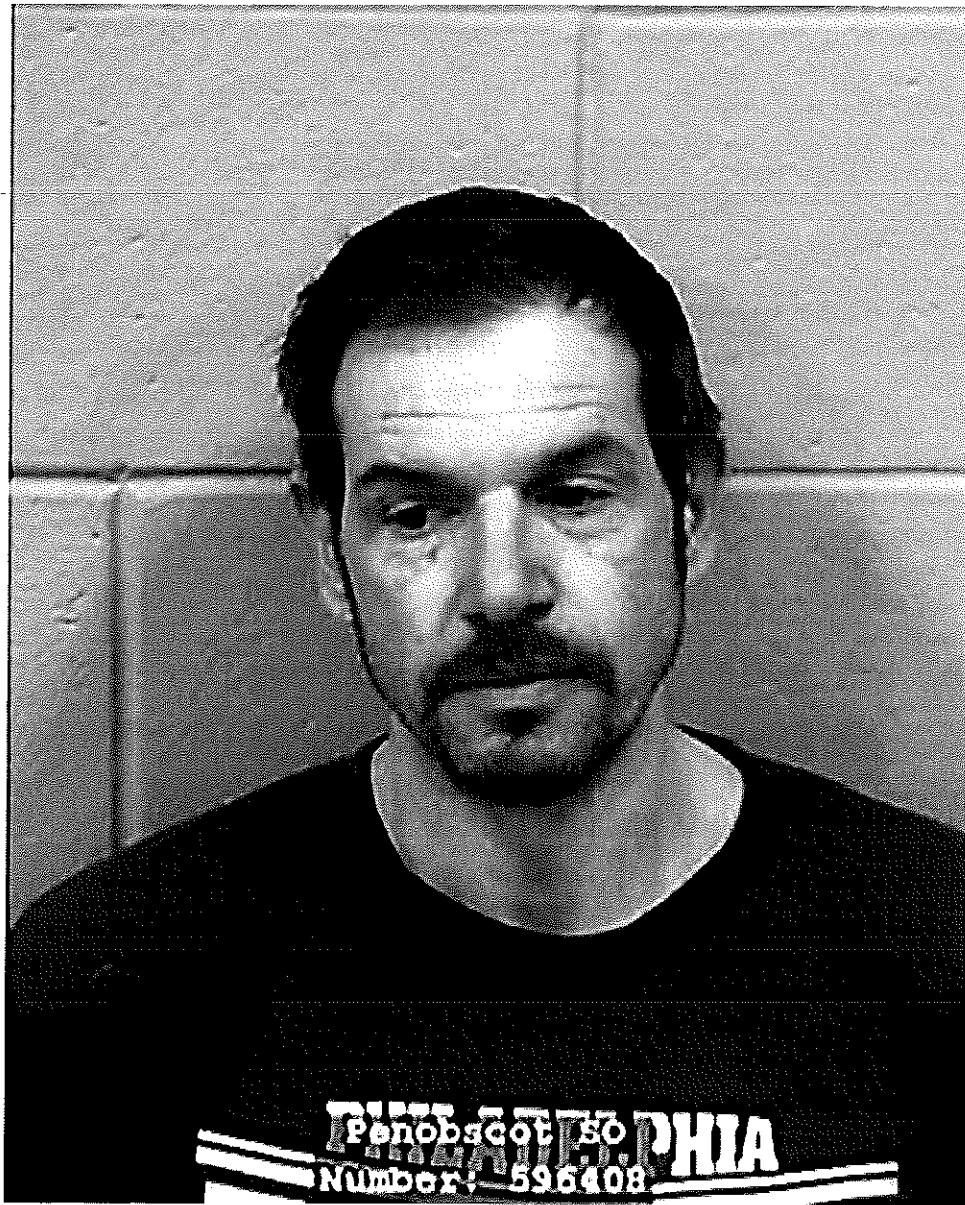
PIO note – the meth count for the year is now 58 labs and dump sites, two more than the 2015 total of 56. A dump site was also found in Presque Isle yesterday, which was #58 for the year..

3 arrested as 3 suspected meth labs investigated in Brewer

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By Dawn Gagnon, BDN Staff

REWER, Maine — Brewer police and Maine Drug Enforcement Agency investigators arrested two Bangor men in connection with two suspected methamphetamine operations they said are related and arrested a Brewer man in connection with a third lab. Sean Murphy, 25, and Robert Seeley, 37, were charged with unlawful operation of a methamphetamine laboratory after city police and state drug enforcement agents conducted an investigation at the Big Apple convenience store on South Main Street, Deputy Chief Jason Moffitt of the Brewer Police Department said Tuesday.

The Class B felony crime with which they have been charged carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$20,000.

The meth-making operation at the Big Apple was the second uncovered in Brewer in two days, and another at the Village Green Motel was the third.

Moffitt said that the two men apparently were “actively engaged” in meth-making when police went to the store to look into a report of suspicious activity in the parking lot.

On Tuesday evening, police found another suspected meth lab at the Village Green Motel on Wilson Street, Moffitt said.

While Moffitt declined to say what led investigators to the motel, he added, “We’re 100 percent convinced that [the lab at the motel] is connected to the methamphetamine lab on South Main Street.”

Moffitt said the meth labs that Murphy and Seeley are accused of operating are not connected to a third operation, which was discovered on Monday afternoon while Brewer police were executing a search warrant at a residence on North Main Street, near the Joshua Chamberlain Bridge.

Walter Botelho, 51, of Brewer was arrested Monday after a search of his residence allegedly turned up a firearm.

He was charged with possession of a firearm by a felon, Moffitt said.

Drug agents were investigating the home on Tuesday, and Moffitt said it's possible Botelho could face drug charges once the investigation concludes.

Botelho was taken to Penobscot County Jail after his arrest.

Ham, Stephanie

Subject: FW: PORTLAND HEROIN SEIZURE AND ARRESTS
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From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 3:17 PM
Subject: PORTLAND HEROIN SEIZURE AND ARRESTS
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From: Steve McCausland [<mailto:stevemc@gwi.net>]
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 03:16 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: McCausland, Stephen
Subject: PORTLAND HEROIN SEIZURE AND ARRESTS

MUGS AT THE CUMBERLAND JAIL.....for more info : MDEA Commander Scott J. Pelletier - 207-822-0371

DEA says two New York men have been charged with selling heroin in Portland. Arrested were:

Luchone Elzey (24) of the Bronx, New York for, Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule Drugs (Heroin) Class A and Jacquil Turner (21) of the Bronx, New York for, Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule Drugs (Heroin) Class A

For the past two months agents from the MDEA Cumberland District Task Force conducted an investigation into the distribution of heroin by a group from New York City. The investigation revealed members of the group would travel from New York to Portland weekly with large amounts of heroin. They would then sell heroin from a number of locations throughout Portland, typically local apartments where the residents would receive heroin or money as payment for letting the group use their home. Wednesday evening, the apartment at 409 Cumberland Avenue, apartment 405 was searched. This was after agents conducted a number of undercover purchases of heroin from the apartment.

Agents located Elzey and Turner inside and the two were arrested without incident. Agents seized approximately 8 ounces (238 grams) of heroin, equivalent to 4,760 individual doses. \$4,000 in cash and a number of items indicative of drug trafficking. The street value of the heroin was \$35,000.

Elzey and Turner were transported to the Cumberland County Jail where bail was set at \$50,000 cash for Elzey and \$25,000 cash for Turner.

The investigation is continuing and additional charges against the apartment renter and others involved are likely. Assisting in the investigation and arrests were officers of the Portland Police Department Crime Reduction Unit and members of the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force.

Ham, Stephanie

Subject:

FW: LEWISTON METH LAB AND ARRESTS



From: McCausland, Stephen

Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 11:37 AM

Subject: LEWISTON METH LAB AND ARRESTS

UGS AT THE ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY JAIL

FOR MORE INFO --- MDEA Commander Scott J. Pelletier - 207-822-0371

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency announces the arrest of two men in Lewiston for manufacturing Methamphetamine.

Arrested were 35 year old Raymond Nelson and 32 year old Merlin Ellingwood , both from Lewiston and both charged with Unlawful Operation of a Methamphetamine Laboratory, Class B. Nelson also goes by the name of Kent Lathrop.

Sunday evening, agents from the MDEA Western District Task Force arrested the two at an apartment they were staying in at 197 Bartlett Street in Lewiston. A search of the apartment found a "One Pot" meth lab and other items used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Due to the extremely dangerous nature of methamphetamine manufacturing, members of the MDEA Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement Team were utilized to seize the evidence with the Maine State Department of Environmental Protection assisting at the scene to safely dispose of the items.

Nelson and Ellingwood were arrested and transported to the Androscoggin County Jail. Bail was set for Nelson at \$10,000 cash. Ellingwood's bail was set at \$500 cash.

Agents and Lewiston Police had received information that the two men has been making meth at different locations throughout the Lewiston area. The renter of the apartment was not present at the time of the arrests. The investigation is ongoing and additional arrests are expected.

This makes 25 meth lab responses by MDEA this year.

Ham, Stephanie

Subject:

FW: MDEA RELEASE



-----Original Message-----

From: McCausland, Stephen

Sent: Saturday, April 02, 2016 2:56 PM

Subject: MDEA RELEASE

MUGS AT YORK COUNTY JAIL-----Contact: Commander Scott J. Pelletier - 207-822-0371

York, Maine – April 2, 2016 – As part of an increased effort by the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency to identify and disrupt the importation and distribution of illegal drugs into the state, the MDEA York District Task Force have charged two people for Aggravated Trafficking in Heroin in two separate incidents.

Arrested were;

Jorge Medina (36) of Sanford, Maine for Class A, Aggravated Trafficking in Heroin Leah Thurlow (59) of Old Orchard Beach, Maine for Class A, Aggravated Trafficking in Heroin, Violation of Conditions of Release.

On April 1, 2016, investigators from the Sanford Police Department received information that Jorge Medina of Sanford would be traveling to Massachusetts to pick up a large amount of heroin. The heroin was to be later sold throughout the Greater Sanford area. Investigators contacted MDEA agents who began a surveillance of Medina. At approximately 6:30 pm, agents observed a vehicle in which Medina was a passenger enter the State of Maine from New Hampshire. Troopers of the Maine State Police conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle on the Maine Turnpike in York. A State Police drug canine alerted to the presence of drugs on Medina. A search of Medina resulted in the seizure of approximately 32 grams (320 doses) of suspected heroin, 4 grams of crack cocaine and 4 grams of cocaine hydrochloride. Medina was arrested and transported to the York County Jail where bail was set at \$25,000 cash. The operator of the vehicle was issued a traffic summons and released. Approximate street value of the seized drugs is \$6,000.

While agents and troopers were conducting the Medina investigation and arrest, assisting agents observed a vehicle traveling northbound from New Hampshire being operated by Leah Thurlow. Thurlow had been arrested in early March for possessing heroin after she was stopped on the Maine Turnpike as she returned to Maine from Massachusetts with heroin and was on bail for that charge.

Troopers stopped Thurlow's vehicle on the Maine Turnpike in York for agents to conduct a search as part of Thurlow's bail. A search of Thurlow's vehicle resulted in the seizure of approximately 16 grams (160 doses) of suspected heroin. Thurlow was arrested and transported to the York County Jail. No bail was set due to her violating her present bail.

Approximate street value of the seized heroin is \$2,500.

Arrest photos are available at the York County Jail.

There is no connection between the arrests Jorge Medina and Leah Thurlow.

MDEA stands committed to working with all law enforcement partners in keeping illicit drugs out of Maine communities and prosecuting those who distribute them.

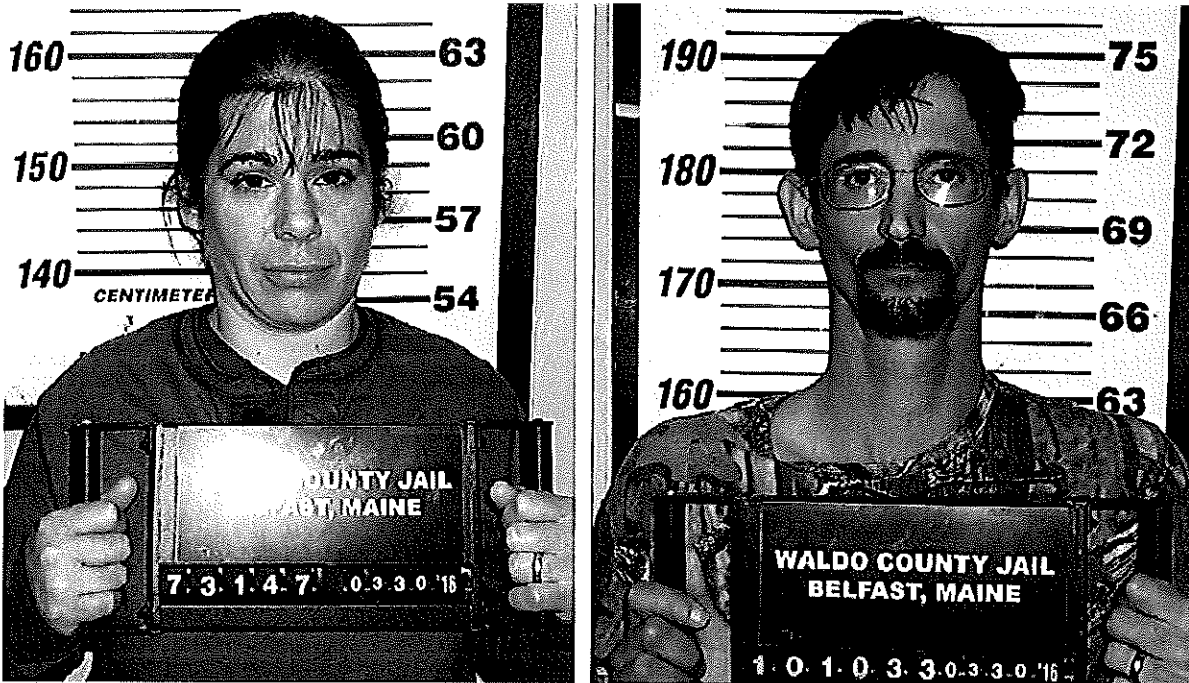
If you have information about the illegal sale of drugs in this state, you are urged to contact the MDEA office closest to you or by calling the MDEA tip-line at 800-452-6457.

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Ham, Stephanie

Subject:

FW: NORTHPORT METH LAB



From: McCausland, Stephen

Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2016 12:46 PM

Subject: NORTHPORT METH LAB

MUGS AT THE WALDO COUNTY JAIL

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency says two people in Northport were arrested yesterday for manufacturing Methamphetamine --James Scheider (39) of Northport for, Aggravated Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Class A, Aggravated Operation of a Methamphetamine Laboratory, Class A and Probation Violation and Stacey Dykes (37) of Northport for, Aggravated Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Class A, Aggravated Operation of a Methamphetamine Laboratory, Class A and Probation Violation.

Wednesday afternoon drug agents from the MDEA Mid-Coast District Task Force arrested the two at their apartment at 1489 Atlantic Highway in Northport. A "One Pot" laboratory and other items used to manufacture methamphetamine were seized.

Due to the extremely dangerous nature of methamphetamine manufacturing, members of the MDEA Laboratory Enforcement Team were utilized to seize evidence from the laboratory. The State Department of Environmental Protection assisted at the scene taking the waste products from the laboratory for safe disposal.

Scheider and Dykes were already on probation for their part of a sentence they received for trafficking methamphetamine in October 2014. Scheider had been sentenced to 5 years in prison, all but 18 months suspended and 3 years of probation. Dykes had been sentenced to 3 years in prison, all but 9

months suspended and 3 years of probation. Their sentences were for their roles in making meth at their previous residence at 50 Elm Street in Bath.

Agents and the Belfast Police had received information in February that Scheider and Dykes had moved to Northport and were again manufacturing methamphetamine. Scheider and Dykes were arrested after agents and state probation and parole officers conducted a probation check on the two and the items were discovered. The two were transported to the Waldo County Jail where they are being held on probation violations.

This is the 19th meth lab response in Maine this year.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2016 1:59 PM
Subject: BREWER HEROIN ARRESTS
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MUGS AT THE PENOBSCOT JAIL ← locating.

Contact- MDEA Cmdr. Peter Arno/Brewer Police Chief Perry Antone

As the result of a joint investigation between the Brewer Police Department and the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, a Bronx, New York man has been charged with Class "A" felony trafficking following the search of home in Brewer Wednesday night. A significant amount of heroin was seized. The owner of the Brewer home was also arrested and charged with drug trafficking.

At about 7 pm, agents from MDEA's North Central Task Force in Bangor, along with officers from Brewer Police searched the single family home at 8 Soucie Lane in Brewer. The search warrant was obtained after a several month investigation into suspected heroin trafficking activities at this house. During the investigation, agents and officers learned that the homeowner was allowing a man from the Bronx to periodically stay at the residence to sell heroin imported from out of state. Located in a second floor bedroom of the home was Manuel Nunez, (AKA: Jose Camacho and Gabriel Santana), 21 from the Bronx. Seized from Nunez were some 420 bags of heroin with an estimated street value of \$15,000, along with \$1000 in suspected cash drug proceeds. Nunez was also wanted in New York on an outstanding warrant for felony drug trafficking offenses.

The homeowner, 34 year old Wesley Arnold of Brewer, were arrested and transported to the Penobscot County Jail. Nunez has been charged with Class "A" Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (heroin). This charge was aggravated due to the amount of drugs seized. Arnold has been charged with Class "B" Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (heroin).

Last week, Brewer Police assigned an officer to the MDEA's Bangor Task Force as part of the statewide increase in agents. The investigation is continuing and more arrests are likely

Ham, Stephanie

Subject:

FW: Augusta Drug Arrests - KJ 3/25

From: McCausland, Stephen **On Behalf Of** News, DPS

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2016 10:12 AM

Subject: Augusta Drug Arrests - KJ 3/25

Police arrest three in Augusta drug case

The arrests occurred in a Mount Vernon Avenue apartment where police found heroin and cocaine and where children were present.

By Keith Edwards Staff Writer



From left to right: Steven Joiner, Donald Morang and Nicole Truman were arrested in connection to drug charges on Thursday in Augusta.

AUGUSTA — Three people were arrested Thursday in a drug trafficking case in a Mount Vernon Avenue apartment where multiple children also were present. The Augusta Police Special Response and Tactics Team, some in camouflaged clothing, entered the apartment at 42B Mount Vernon Ave. at 4:30 p.m. to execute a search warrant as neighbors across the street watched. Inside, they arrested Donald Morang Jr., 36, and Nicole Truman, 33, both of Augusta, and Stephen Joiner, 21, of Rochester, New York, according to a police news release issued Thursday night. Police also confiscated more than 7 grams of crack cocaine and more than 5 grams of heroin in the apartment, the release said.

Morang was charged with four counts of aggravated trafficking of Schedule W drugs, and his bail was set at \$50,000 in cash. Truman and Joiner were charged with two counts each of unlawful trafficking in Schedule W drugs. Truman's bail was set at \$25,000 in cash; Joiner's, at \$50,000 in cash.

All three were taken to the Kennebec County jail.

Police said information provided to them by the public gave them cause to conduct the search.

The building at 42B Mount Vernon Ave., near Lorette Lane, still carries a sign saying "Daniel's," left over from the time when the building was used by Daniel's Auto Parts. A small pink bicycle was just outside the apartment door when law enforcement arrived.

Maine Drug Enforcement Agency officers also were at the scene.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 2:02 PM
Subject: BELFAST METH LAB & ARRESTS

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For more info -- MDEA Commander Scott J. Pelletier - 207-822-0371

MUGS AT THE TWO BRIDGES JAIL

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency has charged two Belfast men with making methamphetamine after the discovery of a meth lab inside one of their homes.

Arrested are:

Edward Mylen (37) of Belfast for, Aggravated Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Class A, Unlawful Operation of a Methamphetamine Laboratory, Class A.

Michael Redding (27) of Belfast for, Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Class B, Unlawful Operation of a Methamphetamine Laboratory, Class B

Monday evening, drug agents from the MDEA Mid-Coast District Task Force arrested the two men at 354 High Street in Belfast. Mylen and Redding had been under investigation since December for manufacturing methamphetamine at Redding's High Street residence. While agents were interviewing the two, a meth lab was discovered in the home.

Agents secured the residence while a search warrant was drafted. Seized in the search was about 2 grams of methamphetamine that the men had made.

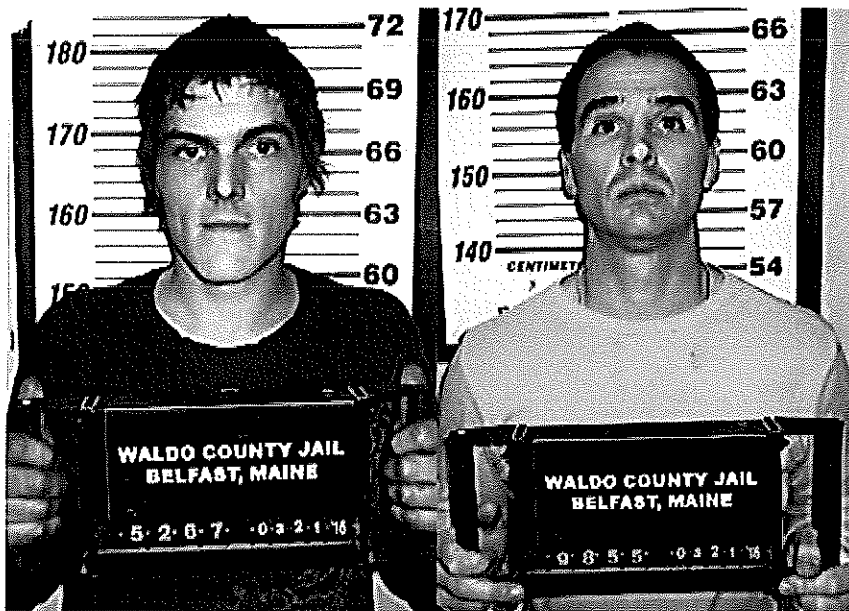
Due to the dangerous nature of methamphetamine manufacturing, members of the MDEA Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement Team were utilized in seizing evidence and rendering it safe for disposal. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection assisted at the scene taking the waste products for safe disposal.

Mylen and Redding were processed at the Waldo County Re-Entry Center then transported to the Two Bridges Regional Jail. Bail was set at \$5000 cash each. Mylen's prior drug conviction aggravated his charge.

Assisting with the investigation were officers from Belfast Police Department.

This was the 17th meth lab incident responded to by MDEA this year.

Ham, Stephanie



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From: McCausland, Stephen on behalf of News, DPS
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 10:59 AM
Subject: Augusta Drug Arrest - BDN 3/15

New York man arrested on drug, theft, gun charges



By Dawn Gagnon, BDN Staff

AUGUSTA, Maine — A New York man is facing multiple drug, gun and theft charges as the result of an investigation by Augusta police and the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, Deputy Chief Jared Mills of the Augusta Police Department said Monday. William K. Seabron, 24, of Brooklyn, who has been staying in Augusta, was arrested over the weekend in southern Maine, Mills said. Seabron was formally charged Monday with six counts of unlawful trafficking in scheduled drugs — three of which involved heroin and the other three involving crack cocaine — as well as two counts of theft by receiving stolen property, namely firearms, and two counts of possession of a firearm by a prohibited person.

The charges lodged by Detective Matthew Estes of the Augusta Police Department and Detective Brian Wastella, a resident agent with the MDEA, stem from an investigation into reports of drug dealing in multiple locations in Augusta. Seabron's bail was set at \$50,000 cash, Mills said. "This investigation is another illustration of how the Augusta Police Department, in collaboration with the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, is working with the public and our partners to remove drug dealers from our city," Mills said. "We ask that you continue to call the Augusta Police Department with any

information of illegal drug activity, and we thank everyone for their commitment in taking a stand against illegal drugs in our community," he said.

Monday's charges were not the first lodged against Seabron by Augusta police. Seabron also was arrested in July 2014 in connection with a purse theft at the Augusta Wal-Mart. At that time, Seabron was charged with robbery, theft, seven counts of misuse of credit identification, unlawful trafficking in marijuana and unlawful possession of scheduled drugs.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen on behalf of News, DPS
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 10:20 AM
Subject: Rumford Fentanyl Arrests - SJ 3/8

Police raid Rumford apartment, arrest couple on drug charges

Staff report

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency says it arrested two Rumford residents on drug charges.



Rashaud Lavoie, 23, and Marianela Rodriquez, 39, were arrested Friday in their Oxford Avenue apartment.

Both were charged with aggravated trafficking in schedule drugs, Class A and Lavoie also was charged with violation of conditional release.

On Friday, March 4, agents from the Western District Task Force, officers from the Rumford Police Department and deputies from the Oxford and Franklin County Sheriffs' Departments executed a search warrant at 26 Oxford Ave.

Agents said they found and seized evidence of drug trafficking within the apartment as well as 7.5 grams — 75 doses — of Fentanyl. Approximate street value of the Fentanyl is \$1,500 dollars.

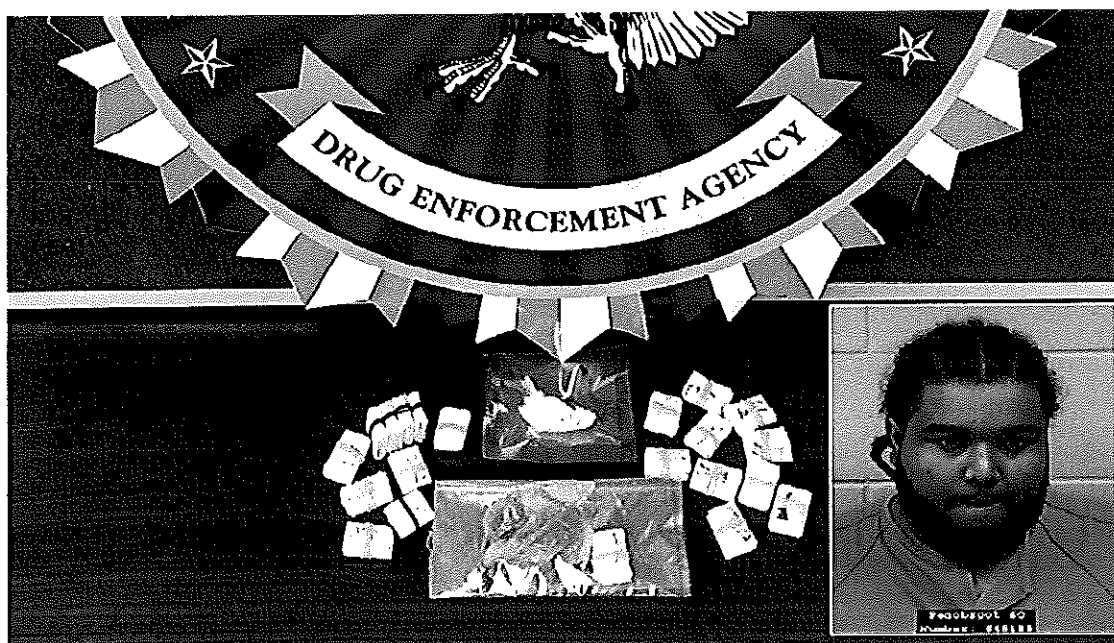
Fentanyl is frequently sold as heroin or mixed with heroin unbeknownst to the purchaser. The presence of Fentanyl greatly increases a person's chance of overdosing.

In August, Lavoie was arrested in the investigation of the overdose death of a Bethel man. He was charged with trafficking in heroin and released on bail.

Lavoie and Rodriquez were transported to the Oxford County Jail where no bail was set for Lavoie. Rodriguez's bail was set at \$15,000 cash. Both were scheduled to appear in Oxford Unified Court on Monday.

Ham, Stephanie

Subject: FW: BANGOR CRACK - HEROIN ARREST
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From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 1:23 PM
Subject: BANGOR CRACK - HEROIN ARREST

For more info: MDEA Commander Peter Arno- 207-941-4737

MUG AT THE PENOBSCOT JAIL

A Waterbury, Connecticut man was arrested this morning at an Odlin Road hotel in Bangor after being found in possession of heroin and crack cocaine which he recently brought to the city for resale. The investigation, conducted by MDEA's North Central Office located in Bangor, highlights the continued problem with out of state dealers relocating to cities and towns to sell drugs.

As part of a several month investigation, MDEA investigators searched the motel room early today and seized over 20 grams of heroin, and several grams of cocaine base (crack). Street value of the drugs is about \$5,000.

Charged with trafficking in heroin and crack was Eric A. Maia, 24, of Waterbury, CT. He is currently being held at the Penobscot County Jail on \$25,000 bail and will likely go before a judge in Bangor Unified Court on Friday.

MDEA received substantial assistance during this investigation from Bangor Police. Also assisting are Holden and State Police. This investigation is continuing and more arrests are likely.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 11:45 AM
Subject: BANGOR METH UPDATE

**NEWS RELEASE from the Maine Department of Public Safety
from Spokesman Steve McCausland - 626-3811**

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MDEA filed methamphetamine charges against the two men whose apartment was searched Wednesday in Bangor. Agents charged Brian Hovey, 33, and Thomas Beaudoin, 27, with aggravated trafficking in methamphetamine. The two men remain at the Penobscot County Jail and will make their first court appearance later today in Bangor Unified Court. Their apartment at 149 Pine Street was searched Wednesday after Bangor Police checked on the two men and found evidence of a meth lab inside the apartment. That discovery resulted in the evacuation of several other apartments in the building, while the men's apartment was searched.

Ham, Stephanie

From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 3:35 AM
Subject: BANGOR METH LAB

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From: Steve McCausland [<mailto:stevemc@gwi.net>]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 03:32 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: ; <>
Subject: BANGOR METH LAB

MDEA and Bangor Police say a methamphetamine lab was discovered Wednesday afternoon at an apartment at 149 Pine Street in Bangor. Two men were taken into custody and several people were evacuated from the multi unit building as the drug agency's lab team cleaned up the dangerous substance from inside the apartment. This is the tenth time MDEA has responded to a meth incident this year.

Ham, Stephanie



Brian Hovey

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Subject:

FW: CORRECTION -- WASHINGTON COUNTY HEROIN ARRESTS



From: McCausland, Stephen

Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 4:15 PM

Subject: CORRECTION -- WASHINGTON COUNTY HEROIN ARRESTS

THE ARRESTS WERE WEDS NIGHT... NOT EARLY THIS MORNING....CORRECTED RELEASE BELOW

FROM: MDEA Commander Peter Arno 941-4737

MUGS AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and the Washington County Sheriff's Office arrested a man and woman from Connecticut Wednesday night and charged them with heroin related offenses. A substantial amount of heroin was also seized. Last night, agents assigned to MDEA's task force office in Ellsworth, working with Calais Police, received information indicating that a car was headed into the county from out of state, likely with heroin inside.

Drug Agents along with Washington Deputies stopped the suspect vehicle along Route 9 in Dayblock Township. A search of the car and its occupants, found 275 bags of heroin containing about 28 grams of heroin, with an estimated street value of \$10,000.

Charged are:

1. Heath Jones-Sanchez- 24, of Waterbury, Connecticut. Jones-Sanchez has been charged with Class "B" Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin). These charges will likely be elevated to a Class "A" Aggravated Trafficking due to the amount of heroin seized. Bail was set at \$10,000.
2. Hilary C. Pugrab-20, of Ellington, Connecticut. Pugrab was charged with Possession of Schedule W Drugs (Heroin). Bail was set at \$5000.

Both Jones-Sanchez and Pugrab were taken to the Washington County Jail for processing.

MDEA was also assisted in this investigation by the Baileyville Police Department and State Police. With significant assistance from the Washington County Sheriff's Office, MDEA has recently been able to increase its presence in Washington County. This investigation is continuing and more arrests are possible.

If you have information about this investigation or the illegal sale of drugs in this state, you are urged to contact the MDEA office closest to you or by calling the MDEA tip-line at 800-452-6457.

Ham, Stephanie

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Subject:

FW: BIDDEFORD-SACO HEROIN ARRESTS



From: McCausland, Stephen

Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 2:29 PM

Subject: BIDDEFORD-SACO HEROIN ARRESTS

FOR MORE INFO – MDEA Commander Scott J. Pelletier - 207-822-0371

MUGS AT THE YORK COUNTY JAIL

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency says two southern Maine men were arrested Wednesday night bring back a shipment of heroin from Massachusetts. The drugs were destined to be sold in Biddeford-Saco. The two were arrested along Route 1 in York by State Troopers who stopped their car.

Charged with Aggravated Trafficking in Heroin are Jeffrey March (24) of Saco and Brandon Perry (23) of Scarborough.

For the past month, agents from the MDEA York District Task Force and State Police conducted an investigation into the illegal distribution of heroin by March. The investigation revealed March along with others routinely traveled to Lawrence, Massachusetts to purchase bulk heroin that would later be repackaged and sold throughout the greater Biddeford/Saco area.

On February 10, around 10 pm, March and Perry were stopped by Troopers on Route 1 in York. Drug Agents had observed March and Perry leave the state earlier in the evening in March's Chrysler 300. Agents confirmed the two had traveled to Lawrence, Massachusetts and observed them as they returned to Maine on the Maine Turnpike.

During the traffic stop, a State Police drug recognition dog alerted to the presence of drugs on both men. The two each had a quantity of heroin hidden in their clothing. Seized was a 24 grams of heroin, which is the equivalent of 240 doses, and a street value of \$3,800.

Both men were taken to the York County Jail and are being held in lieu of \$100,000 each.



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MDEA Press Release- January 31, 2016

Contact: Commander Scott J. Pelletier - 207-822-0371

Saco, Maine, January 31, 2016 -The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency announces the arrests of two Maine men for Aggravated Trafficking in Heroin, Class A. The two men were arrested returning to Maine after purchasing heroin in Massachusetts for the purpose of reselling it in the Greater Biddeford/Saco area.

Arrested were:

Zachary Adams (19) of Saco for Aggravated Trafficking in Heroin, Class A

Cole Goulet (19) of Biddeford for Aggravated Trafficking in Heroin, Class A



For the past several weeks, MDEA agents from the York District Task Force have been investigating suspected drug trafficking from a room at that Sunrise Motel in Saco. The agents determined several people routinely traveled from Maine to Haverhill, Massachusetts to purchase bulk heroin. The heroin would be transported back to the Sunrise Motel where it was repackaged and sold in individual doses throughout Biddeford and Saco.

On Saturday evening, 01/30/2016, agents observed Zachary Adams and Cole Goulet leave the motel and travel by car out of the state. At approximately 10:00 pm, agents observed Adams and Goulet return to Maine. With the assistance of the Maine State Police Adams and Goulet were stopped on I95 in York.

A state police drug recognition K9 alerted to the presence of illegal drugs in the vehicle as well as on Adams and Goulet. A search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of 30 grams (300 doses) of heroin and \$1,100 of suspected drug proceeds. The approximate street value of the heroin is \$5000.

Adams and Goulet were arrested and transported to the York County Jail where bail was set at \$10,000 cash each.

Immediately after the arrests, agents and Saco Police served a search warrant at room 25 of the Sunrise Motel, where Adams had staying. No other illegal drugs were located. Additional information regarding others involved in the heroin distribution was seized.

The investigation is continuing and additional arrests are anticipated.

Assisting in this investigation and arrests were the Maine State Police and the Saco Police Department.

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency is committed to working collaboratively with all State, Local and Federal agencies; to identify, disrupt and dismantle illegal drug trafficking in our communities.

If you have information about this incident or the illegal sale of drugs in your community, you are urged to contact your local police department or the MDEA office closest to you by calling the MDEA tip-line at 800-452-6457.

Ham, Stephanie

Subject:

FW: BANGOR CRACK ARRESTS



From: McCausland, Stephen

Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 11:41 AM

Subject: BANGOR CRACK ARRESTS

**FOR MORE INFO --- MDEA COMMANDER PETER ARNO – 941-4737
MUGS AT THE PENOBSCOT JAIL**

Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and Bangor Police arrested five persons Thursday and seized \$20,000 worth of crack cocaine. The five will make their first court appearances this afternoon in Bangor at 1pm

MDEA agents in Bangor, along with Bangor Police, have been investigating a group responsible for the distribution of crack cocaine and other drugs in greater Bangor for several months. The investigation included undercover purchase of crack from the group. Late Thursday afternoon, agents and Bangor Police stopped the car the five were in along South Park Street in Bangor. Seized in connection with the car stop was approximately 135 grams of cocaine base or "crack", approximately 8 grams of MDMA, commonly referred to as "ecstasy", and \$1200 in cash.

Charged thus far in this investigation are:

1. Richard Raymond, AKA-"Porter", 23 , of Boston, MA. Raymond has been charged with two counts of Class "A" Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (crack) and Class "B" Unlawful Possession of Schedule W Drugs, . The first count is aggravated due to the amount of drugs seized and the second count because Raymond has a prior drug felony conviction. Raymond was also wanted on an outstanding warrant from Maine for unpaid fines for an earlier drug offense. In addition, he is wanted in Massachusetts for auto theft.
2. Lakeem McFadden, AKA-"Santana", 32, of Brockton, Mass. McFadden has been charged with two counts of Class "A" Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (crack cocaine). The first count is aggravated due to the amount of drugs seized and the second count because of a that McFadden has a prior drug felony conviction.
3. Taleek McFadden, AKA- "Peasley" and "Dante", 27, of Brooklyn, NY. Charged with Class "A" Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (crack cocaine). This count was aggravated due to the amount of drugs seized. McFadden is also wanted on an outstanding federal probation warrant out of New York for cocaine trafficking.
4. Patrick Whipple, 37, from Bangor. Charged with two counts of Class "A" Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (crack cocaine). The first count is aggravated due to the amount of drugs seized and the second count because Whipple has a prior drug felony conviction.

Also charged is 63 year old Katherine White of Hampden. She faces a Class "B" Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (crack cocaine) and Class "D" Possession of Schedule W drugs.

The five were transported to the Penobscot County Jail and are scheduled to be arraigned in Bangor Unified Court this afternoon.

Ham, Stephanie

From:
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McCausland, Stephen on behalf of News, DPS
Friday, January 29, 2016 9:52 AM
Berwick Chase - PH 1/29

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Driver faces drug trafficking charge after high-speed chase through Maine, New Hampshire

A Maine State Police cruiser ends the chase by forcing the fleeing vehicle to spin out.

By David Hench Staff Writer

A high-speed chase that wound 40 miles through towns in New Hampshire and Maine on Wednesday ended in Lebanon when a Maine State Police cruiser hit the fleeing vehicle, causing it to spin out.

The driver and passenger in the vehicle being chased were not injured. The driver, Charles Bill, 33, of School Street in Berwick, was taken to York County Jail in Alfred, where he was charged with eluding police and on multiple outstanding warrants, police said. He also was charged with aggravated drug trafficking when he allegedly tried to hide 40 grams of heroin in a body cavity prior to being booked into York County Jail.



The chase started in New Hampshire when Somersworth police tried to stop a 2002 Mitsubishi Gallant. The car did not stop and Somersworth police called ahead to Berwick police asking them to pick up the chase.

The car continued into Lebanon and Milton, New Hampshire, before returning to Maine, police said.

A state trooper used his cruiser to cause the driver of the fleeing car to lose control on Heath Road in Berwick.

Three suspected drug dealers arrested at 'beehive' in Waterville

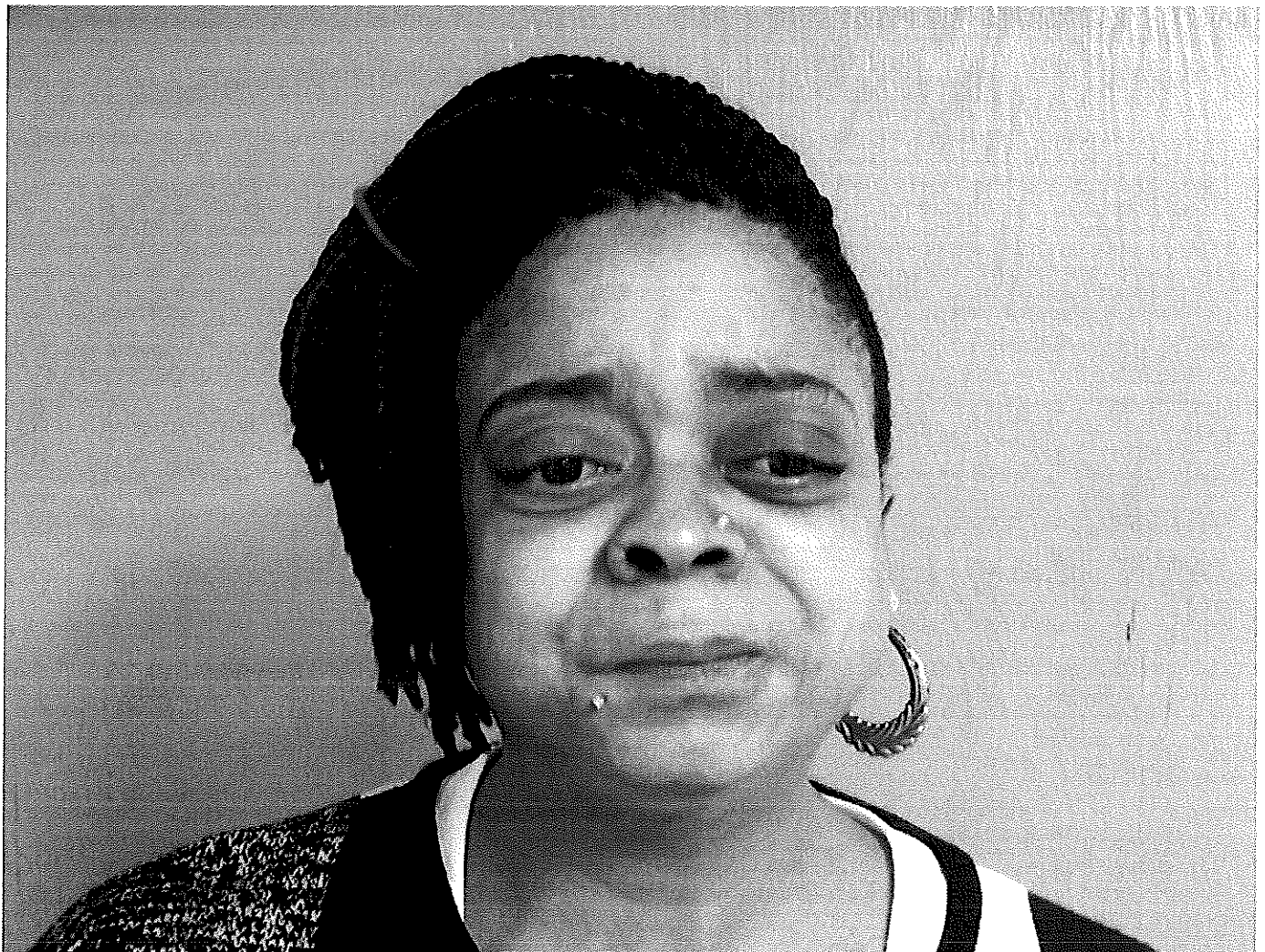
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cm www.centralmaine.com/2016/01/28/three-suspected-drug-dealers-arrested-in-waterville/

By Amy Calder Staff Writer | @AmyCalder17 | 207-861-9247

WATERVILLE — Three suspected drug dealers are in jail, nearly \$32,000 in cash is seized and a 2-year-old child is placed in state custody after police late Wednesday searched an apartment at 24 Elm St., a building known as "the beehive."

Police Chief Joseph Massey said Thursday that police suspected drugs were being sold from Apartment 301 in the building at the corner of Elm Street and Western Avenue, and detectives had been watching it for several weeks.



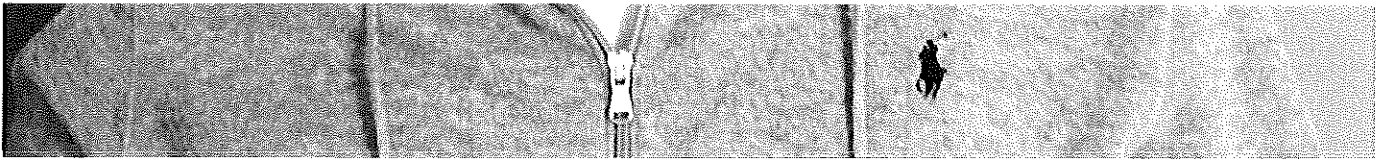
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He said detectives had bought cocaine and crystal methamphetamine from the apartment's occupants and police had obtained a search warrant for the address. Authorities had not executed the warrant when police were sent there around 11 p.m. Wednesday to deal with a report of a possible drug overdose.

Sgt. Brian Gardiner realized it was the apartment that had been under surveillance, so police decided to search it then, Massey said. They found \$31,900 in cash and a lot of drug paraphernalia, including scales and packaging equipment, but no drugs, he said.

"Detectives suspect when they made the call for a medical emergency, the people got the drugs out of the apartment, which is not uncommon, because they knew medical people and possibly police were on their way," Massey said.

Emergency medical workers took one person to the hospital. The person, whose identity the police did not provide, was treated and released.

Dasheene Bowman, 41, who rents the apartment, was arrested and charged with two counts of class A aggravated trafficking in drugs — crack and heroin — and one count of class B conspiracy to distribute drugs. Her 2-year-old daughter, who was at the home when police arrived, was placed in the custody of the state Department of Health and Human Services, according to Massey.

Also arrested were Bowman's son, Ronald Williams, 23, who gave an address of 341 Clinton Ave., Bridgeport, Connecticut, although he had been in Bowman's apartment the last several weeks, Massey said.

Williams was charged with five counts of class A aggravated trafficking in drugs, namely heroin, crack and crystal methamphetamine, and one count of class B conspiracy to distribute drugs. An associate of Williams, Jose Diaz, 24, who gave an address of 108-02 159th St., Apartment 3A, Jamaica, New York, was charged with one count of class B conspiracy to distribute drugs, Massey said.

"We do anticipate additional arrests," Massey said.

Massey said the incident highlights how serious the drug situation is in Waterville.

"Unfortunately, we're seeing these hard drugs, narcotics, sold in the city," he said. "They're coming from out of state, which is very concerning. There's just such a scourge in the city and we see devastation, day in and day out — people addicted, ill, sick and desperate — and it's really a somber experience when you deal with these folks day after day after day."

The state has appropriated more money for more Maine Drug Enforcement Agency officers, and Massey said that law enforcement officials from area police departments, Kennebec County Sheriff's Office and MDEA met two or three weeks ago to discuss forming a task force that would share resources and intelligence to address the drug situation in an efficient and effective way.

"We're still in the process of looking at that," Massey said. "We still have such a market for illegal drugs. It's just unbelievable. It's an uphill battle; it's one we think is worth fighting."

"There's no shortage of drug dealers. There's no shortage of drugs coming into the state of Maine, and there's no shortage of buyers," he added. "The market's here."

Dasheene, Williams and Diaz were taken to the Kennebec County jail in Augusta, where bail for Dasheene was set at \$65,000 cash, and she is not to leave the state until seen by a judge. Cash bail for Williams is \$140,000, with the same condition. Bail for Diaz is \$50,000 cash, Massey said.

They are scheduled to appear at 8:30 a.m. April 11 in Kennebec County Superior Court in Augusta.

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Subject: BANGOR & BIDDEFORD DRUG ARRESTS

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**NEWS RELEASE from the Maine Department of Public Safety
from Spokesman Steve McCausland - 626-3811**

Mugs are at the York and Penobscot county jails

A New York City man and a Bangor woman were arrested last night in Bangor following an investigation by MDEA into the sale of crack cocaine and Oxycodone from a Larkin Street residence.

Over the past several weeks, the MDEA's North Central Task Force in Bangor, with the assistance of Bangor Police, has been investigating the illicit sale of crack and Oxycodone from a Larkin Street residence in Bangor. As part of this investigation, agents were able to conduct undercover purchases of crack cocaine and Oxycodone from individuals inside this single family home.

Last night, MDEA, assisted by Bangor Police, searched 48 Larkin Street and seized Oxycodone, Suboxone and over \$6000 in suspected drug proceeds, as well as other evidence of drug trafficking.

Charged thus far as a result of this investigation are:

1. Douglas Lewis (31) of New York, NY. Charged with Class "B" Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs.
2. Megyn Voisine: (27) of Bangor. Charged with Class "B" Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs and Violation of Conditions of Release stemming from earlier drug charges she was currently on bail for.

Both Lewis and Voisine are currently being held at the Penobscot County Jail and are scheduled to be arraigned later today in Bangor.

In an unrelated case from Biddeford, MDEA's York District Task Force arrested Thursday a Massachusetts man and a Biddeford woman for Aggravated Trafficking in Heroin and Crack.

Arrested were:

Marquis T. Nevins (36) of Attleboro, Massachusetts for Class A, Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin & Cocaine Base)

Kelly A. Anderson (49) of Biddeford, Maine for Class A, Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin & Cocaine Base)

For the past six months drug agents have investigating reports of drug dealing from Anderson's apartment at 28 Center Street. The investigation revealed Anderson would drive the out of state

distributors to Lowell, Massachusetts to purchase heroin and crack cocaine and then return to Maine where the drugs were repackaged and sold from her apartment.

Thursday night about 10 pm agents and State Police conducted a traffic stop of Anderson's vehicle on the Maine Turnpike in York. The vehicle was observed by agents returning to Maine from Massachusetts. During the traffic stop, a State Police drug certified dog alerted to the presence of drugs in the vehicle.

Nevins, who was a passenger in the vehicle, was found in possession of approximately 21 grams (210 doses) of heroin and 60 grams (120 doses) of crack cocaine. The approximate street value of the drugs is \$10,000. In addition \$3,400 of suspected drug proceeds was also seized from Nevins and Anderson. Nevins and Anderson were transported to the York County Jail where bail was set at \$10,000 cash each.

Ham, Stephanie



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Subject: FW: OAKLAND HEROIN ARRESTS
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From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 1:26 PM
Subject: OAKLAND HEROIN ARRESTS

FOR MORE INFO --- MDEA COMMANDER PETER ARNO – 941-4737
Mugs are available at the Kennebec County Jail.

Maine Drug Enforcement Agents have charged a New York man and an Oakland woman with selling heroin. The two were arrested in an apartment at 19 Hill Street before dawn this morning. Nearly a quarter pound of heroin was seized.

Over the past two months, MDEA, working with Oakland Police, opened an investigation into persons from New York City selling heroin from the apartment. Agents conducted several undercover purchases of heroin from occupants of the apartment.

Early this morning, MDEA, assisted by State Police, Oakland Police and Kennebec County Deputies searched apartment #7 and seized nearly 100 grams of heroin, which is the equivalent of 1000 doses, \$1,800 in cash and other evidence of drug sales

Arrested were Kendell Cagle, 27, from New York, NY (who goes by the street name "Gudda") and 27 year old Shayna Shaw-Jenney from Oakland, whose apartment was searched. Both were charged with Class "A" Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (Heroin). Cagle's bail set at \$25,000 cash and Shaw-Jenney's bail was \$5,000. The charges was aggravated due to the amount of drugs seized and because of Cagle's prior felony drug conviction from New York.

Agents are continuing the investigation and more arrests are likely.

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Subject: MAN ARRESTED A 2ND TIME FOR HEROIN SALES

MUG AT THE HANCOCK JAIL

As part of an on-going effort focused on the importation and distribution of heroin in Hancock County, MDEA's Downeast District Task Force in Ellsworth has arrested a Deer Isle man and charged him with aggravated trafficking in heroin. A sizable amount of heroin and cash were also seized.

Earlier this week, MDEA Agents received information that Kenneth Gray, 27, of Deer Isle had recently received a shipment of heroin for re-distribution in the Deer Isle/Stonington area of Hancock County. Gray was currently out on bail for his arrest last month on heroin trafficking charges.

Wednesday afternoon agents located a vehicle that Gray was riding in. With the assistance of the Hancock County Sheriff's Deputies, the vehicle was stopped in Deer Isle. Seized were 30 grams of heroin with a street value of \$10,000 and over \$4000 in cash, which Agents suspect are the proceeds from drug sales.

Gray was transported to the Hancock County Jail. He has been charged with Class "A" Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (heroin) and Violation of Conditions of Release, based on the pending heroin trafficking charge from December. The charge was aggravated because of the amount of heroin seized. Gray has been denied bail until he makes an appearance before a judge in the Ellsworth Unified Court on Friday.

MDEA was assisted in this investigation by the Hancock County Sheriff's Office and State of Maine Probation and Parole. This investigation is continuing and more arrests are likely.

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FW: BIDDEFORD SACO CRACK-HEROIN ARRESTS



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Subject: BIDDEFORD SACO CRACK-HEROIN ARRESTS

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Subject: BIDDEFORD SACO CRACK-HEROIN ARRESTS

MUGS AT THE YORK COUNTY JAIL

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT MDEA Commander Scott J. Pelletier - 207-822-0371

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency has arrested three men in Biddeford-Saco in what is one of the largest crack cocaine seizures ever in Maine. Seized was two pounds of crack, a substantial amount of heroin, six handguns and \$27,000 in cash. The street value of the drugs is \$125,000.

in custody are --

Eric Adams, (38) of Waterbury, Connecticut ; Obrian Barrett, 29, and Todd Milliken, 35, both from Biddeford and all are charged with aggravated Trafficking in Schedule Drugs (Heroin-Crack), Class A

For the past year, agents from the MDEA York District Task Force, the FBI Southern Maine Gang Task Force and the New England HIDTA (high intensity drug trafficking area) conducted an investigation into a large scale heroin and crack cocaine distribution network operating in greater Biddeford - Saco . Drug agents say Adams provided heroin and crack cocaine he obtained out of state to Barrett and Milliken as well as others, which was then sold throughout Biddeford - Saco.

As part of the investigation, agents conducted undercover purchases of heroin and crack from the three men.

On January 6 agents arrested Adams and Milliken in a room at the Hampton Inn in Saco, which was rented to Barrett. At the time of his arrest Milliken was in possession of a loaded handgun, crack cocaine and heroin. Agents conducted a search of the room and seized approximately 260 grams (520 doses) of crack cocaine, 40 grams (400 doses) of heroin and \$27,000 of suspected drug proceeds. Adams and Milliken were transported to the York County Jail. Bail was set at \$150,000 cash for each.

Thursday afternoon Barrett was arrested by Biddeford Police after the vehicle he was a passenger in was stopped on Boulder Way in Biddeford. Barrett was transported to the York County Jail without incident. His bail was also set at \$150,000 cash.

Agents then searched a storage unit at Atlantic Mini Storage on Route 1 in Arundel. The storage unit was suspected of being used to process and store large quantities of the drugs. Seized from the storage unit was approximately 800 grams (1,600 doses) of crack cocaine, 52 grams of heroin (520 doses) and 5 handguns.

Also assisting in the investigation were representatives from the U.S. Marshal's Southern Maine Violent Crime Task Force, the Biddeford Police Department's Street Crime Unit, and the Saco and Old Orchard Beach Police Departments.

The investigation is continuing, additional arrests are anticipated.

The arrests and seizures is another example of out of state drug distributors transporting large amounts of drugs into Maine and selling them through local dealers. In addition, the handguns seized were likely to be distributed to criminal elements in other states.

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FW: CORRECTION --: MID COAST HEROIN ARRESTS



From: McCausland, Stephen

Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 2:58 PM

Subject: CORRECTION --: MID COAST HEROIN ARRESTS

MILLAY AND DANIELLO WERE ARRESTED IN THE VEHICLE STOPPED IN 'EFFERSON. JOHNSON WAS ARRESTED AT HER HOME IN CHINA

From: McCausland, Stephen

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Subject: MID COAST HEROIN ARRESTS

NEWS RELEASE from the Maine Department of Public Safety

from Spokesman Steve McCausland - 626-3811

FOR MORE INFO -- MDEA Commander Scott J. Pelletier - 207-822-0371

MUGS AT THE TWO BRIDGES JAIL

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency arrested three people Tuesday night and charged them with distributing heroin in Knox, Lincoln and Kennebec counties. Arrested are:

James Millay, (42) of Thomaston for Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule Drugs (Heroin) Class A

Jody Daniello, (35) of Thomaston Trafficking in Schedule Drugs (Heroin) Class B

Donna Johnson (42) of China, Maine for Conspiracy to Trafficking in Schedule Drugs (Heroin) Class C

For the past month, agents from the MDEA Mid-Coast and South Central District Task Forces conducted an investigation into the distribution of heroin in the three counties. The investigation revealed that Millay and Daniello would travel weekly from Thomaston to China to purchase heroin

from Johnson and others. Millay and Daniello would then resell the heroin throughout Knox and Lincoln counties.

Tuesday night, drug agents and State Police conducted a traffic stop on Route 17 in **Jefferson of Millay's and Daniello's vehicle**. Seized in the vehicle was 20 grams of heroin, which is equal to 200 doses. Both were arrested and transported to the Two Bridges Regional Jail in Wiscasset. Later agents searched Johnson's home, located on Fire Road 31 on China Lake and found 39 grams (390 doses) of heroin, a loaded .38 caliber handgun and \$5000 of suspected drug proceeds. Johnson was arrested and also taken to the Two Bridges Regional Jail in Wiscasset. Estimated street value of the heroin is \$18,000.

Bail was set at \$10,000 each and the trio is scheduled to appear in the Wiscasset Unified Court on February 25.

The investigation is continuing and additional arrests are anticipated.

Assisting MDEA with the investigation and arrests were State Police, and the Knox and Lincoln County Sheriff's Offices.

Anyone with information about the illegal sale of drugs is urged to contact the nearest MDEA or call the MDEA tip-line at 800-452-6457.

Other drug studies

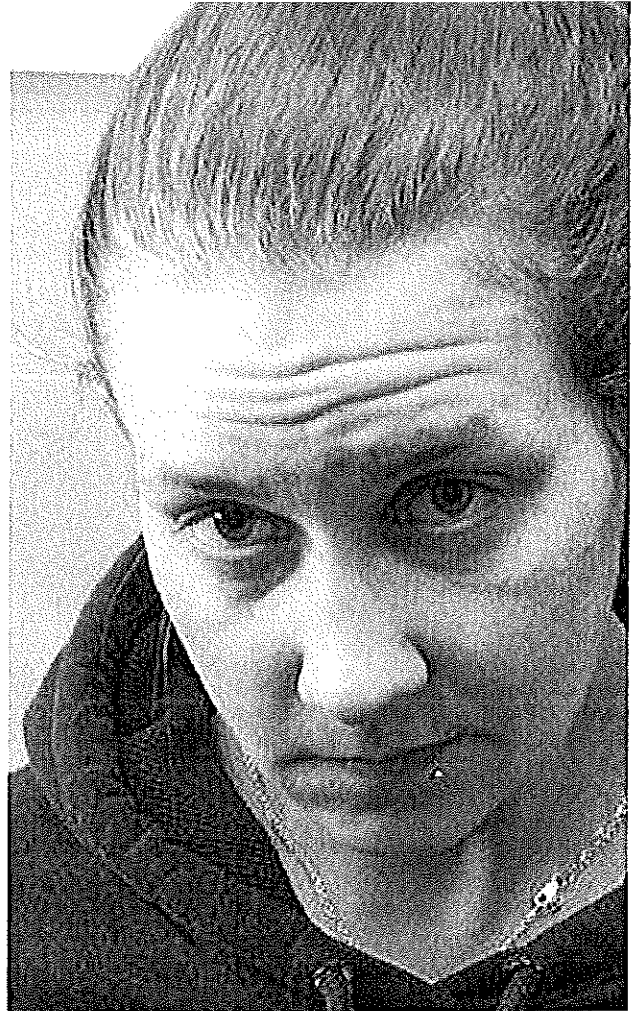
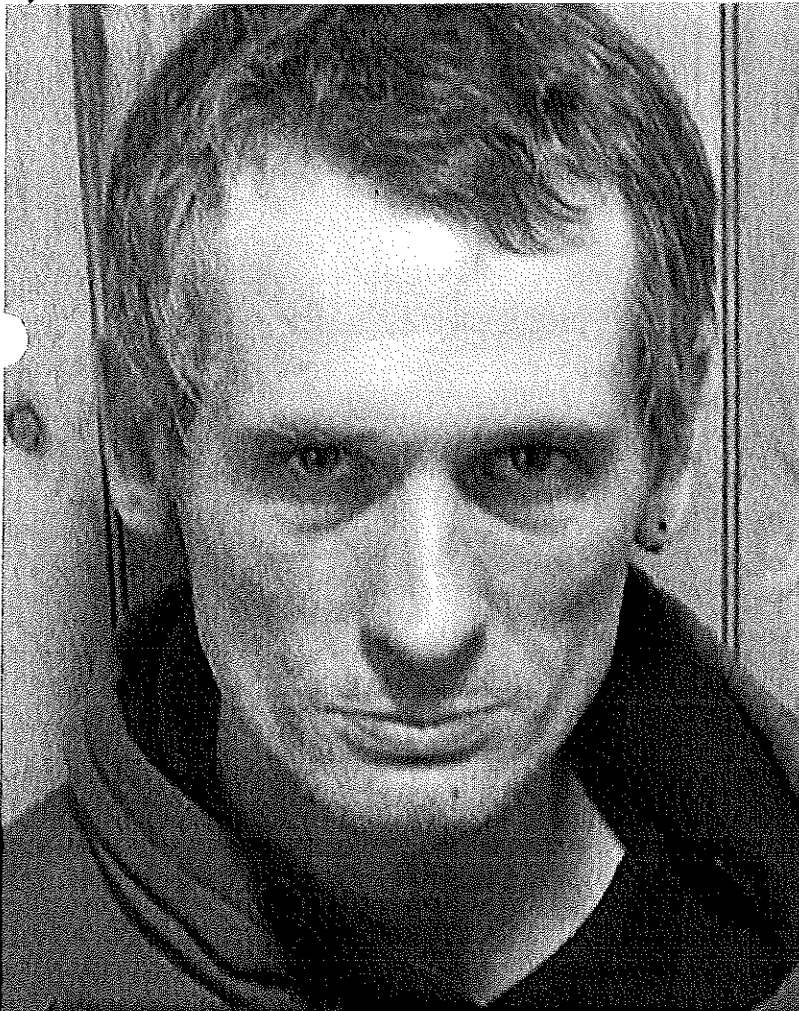
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Subject: More Hidden Crack - PH 5/18

York police allegedly find crack cocaine in 'body cavity,' charge Gardiner pair

Jason Vitale, 37, and Courtney Quinn, 33, both of Gardiner, drew the attention of police when they were found in a car with a shredded front tire parked behind a service station.

By Gillian Graham Staff Writer



Jason Vitale and Courtney Quinn

A Gardiner man is facing felony drug charges after police found crack cocaine and prescription drugs inside a 'body cavity,' according to York police.

Jason Vitale, 37, and Courtney Quinn, 33, both of Gardiner, were arrested in York early Tuesday morning after they were found with crack cocaine and prescription drugs, police said Wednesday. The pair drew the attention of police when they were found in a car with a shredded front tire parked behind Mr. Mike's Mobile Station.

Vitale was arrested for possession of crack cocaine, oxycodone and alprazolam. He also had an active warrant for failure to appear in court. Quinn was arrested for possessing crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia, according to police.

Vitale and Quinn were taken to York County Jail. Upon arriving at the jail, additional crack cocaine and prescription pills were located inside Vitale's "body cavity area," police said. His charges were upgraded to felony level as a result, police said.



Michael Freeman Jr.

Fowlie said he and another investigator, Trooper Adam McNaughton, began investigating Freeman, who they knew was on probation, after receiving a complaint on March 15 that a boat motor and a variety of power tools had been stolen from a barn on Togus Road in Chelsea. When the investigators and two other state troopers went to Freeman's home Thursday morning, an unidentified woman initially told them Freeman was not home, Fowlie said. But after a few minutes, the troopers saw Freeman and the woman allegedly trying to leave with the property in a car. "They were stopped, and he was arrested roadside for burglary," Fowlie said.

Freeman proceeded to take the officers to a place in the woods where he had stored some of the stolen goods, Fowlie said.

He had taken other goods to a pawn shop in Auburn and sold them for \$275, according to a press release from the Maine Department of Public Safety.

Freeman also allegedly confessed to a separate burglary in Farmingdale, Fowlie said.

All the goods were recovered, and the victims were coming to retrieve their property Thursday afternoon, Fowlie said.

"The houses were randomly chosen by (Freeman)," Fowlie said. "There was no vendetta or anything."

Freeman allegedly told investigators that he has a heroin problem, and he stole the items to sell for money, Fowlie said.

In 2012, Freeman was charged with robbing oxycodone from a Rite Aid pharmacy in Fryeburg, according to the department of public safety. He was on probation after serving jail time.

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From: McCausland, Stephen on behalf of News, DPS
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 10:56 AM
Subject: Drug Related Shooting - BDN 3/15

Police investigating shooting in Calais

By Johanna S. Billings, BDN Staff

CALAIS, Maine — Police are investigating a shooting here Monday morning that appears to be drug related.

No arrests had been made as of early Monday evening, when Calais Police Chief David Randall issued a press release on the incident.

According to Randall, a 17-year-old boy from Amsterdam, New York, reported at 10:22 a.m. that he had been assaulted at a residence on South Street and that he heard a gunshot as he was leaving the home.

Police later learned that Tony McLaughlin, 38, of Calais, had arrived at Calais Regional Hospital with a gunshot wound, according to Randall. McLaughlin allegedly told police the shooting was an accident.

Police recovered the firearm used in the incident and called Maine State Police to investigate the crime scene on South Street, Randall said.

"The Calais Police Department wants to stress they do not believe there is a threat to the general public," the police chief said. "It appears this incident is possibly drug related, and one or more people may face criminal charges."

In addition to the Maine State Police, Calais police were assisted by members of the Baileyville police, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.



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FW: HALF POUND OF BANGOR HEROIN SEIZED



From: McCausland, Stephen

Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 3:05 PM

Subject: HALF POUND OF BANGOR HEROIN SEIZED

FOR MORE INFO – MDEA Commander Peter Arno 941-4737

MUGS AT THE PENOBSHOT COUNTY JAIL

Two Bangor area women have been arrested by MDEA after drug agents seized a half pound of heroin early this morning in Bangor. The drugs were being brought in from New York for resale in greater Bangor. The street value of the heroin is \$60,000 and the equivalent of 2,300 doses. The arrests came after investigators with the Maine Correctional Center in Windham and drug agents started an investigation into an inmate who is coordinating the drug importation from inside the Windham prison.

The inmate was arrested in April of 2015 by MDEA agents in Aroostook County after he was found in possession of 50 grams of heroin. The man was convicted and now serving a five year sentence in the Maine Correctional Center on an aggravated trafficking in heroin conviction. MDEA is not naming the inmate at this time as he has not yet been charged.

During the investigation, it was determined the inmate was contacting persons outside the prison to make runs to New York City in order to obtain heroin for resale in Bangor. Yesterday, agents learned that two women with ties to the inmate had left Bangor for New York City to pick up heroin and return to Bangor. About 2 a.m. today the women's vehicle was stopped by MDEA agents and Bangor Police as it exited I-95 onto Hammond Street.

Agents seized the half pound of heroin from one of the women's purses and about \$1,000.

Arrested are:

1. Monique Nichols- 24, of Hudson. Nichols has been charged with Class "A" Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (heroin). Her bail was set at \$2,000 cash.
2. Wanda Wyman- 53, of Bangor. Wyman has been charged with Class "A" Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W Drugs (heroin). Her bail has been set at \$50,000 cash.

The two women were taken to the Penobscot County Jail.

State Police also provided assistance during the investigation. MDEA will continue to work closely with the MCC Criminal Investigation Division on this investigation. More arrests are likely.

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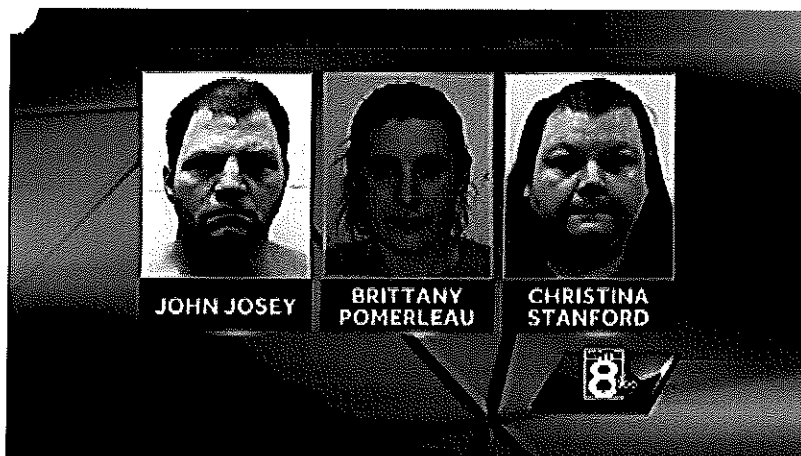
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Maine Drug Enforcement Agents today dismantled a large methamphetamine lab operating inside a mobile home in Livermore Falls. The MDEA meth lab team spent several hours Saturday securing the home and seizing the drug and the ingredients used to make it. Agents say a man and two women were arrested and more arrests are likely, as the group is suspected of making methamphetamine and distributing the drug in the Livermore Falls - Jay area for some time.

Being held on charges of operating a meth lab are 44 year old John Josey and his 35 year old girlfriend, Christina Stanford. Drug agents seized several batches of the drug from the home at 249 Fayette Road. The third person charged is 29 year old Brittany Pomerleau of Jay. She was arrested at her home at 14 Adams Road in Jay. The three were arrested late Friday afternoon and drug agents returned to the home today to dismantle the meth lab.

All are being held in lieu of \$10,000 bail. Josey and Stanford are at the Androscoggin County Jail and Pomerleau is at the Franklin County Jail. Maine's Department of Health and Human Services was notified as a teenager also lived at the mobile home. The teen was not at home when drug agents arrived Friday.

This is the 13th meth lab response this year by MDEA.



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To: ; <>
Subject: HOULTON BOUND HEROIN INTERCEPTED

State Police and MDEA have charged a Houlton woman with attempting to transport heroin into northern Maine. 32 year old Jessi Polchies was arrested at the Portland Transportation Center Saturday morning and charged with aggravated trafficking in heroin.

Troopers and drug agents have been investigating a group transporting heroin from Lawrence, Massachusetts into York County . Investigators learned that Polchies had traveled from Houlton to the Old Orchard Beach area in order to purchase some of that heroin to be transported back to the Houlton area to be sold. She was due to take a bus from Portland to Bangor Saturday morning .

Polchies was located in the lobby of the bus terminal and arrested on an outstanding warrant for operating after suspension of her driver's license. During an interview that followed, she admitted she had heroin on her and investigators found 30 grams. She was taken to the Cumberland County Jail where bail was set at \$10,060. She will make her first court appearance Monday in Portland District Court. More arrests are expected in this case.



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From: McCausland, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 11:40 AM
Subject: 4TH PERSON SOUGHT IN AUGUSTA HOMICIDE
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***NEWS RELEASE from the Maine Department of Public Safety
from Spokesman Steve McCausland - 626-3811***

State Police say a fourth person is being sought in connection with the drug related homicide of an Augusta man in November. Three others have already been charged in the death of 31 year old Joseph Marceau who was killed inside an apartment on Washington Street on November 23.

Being sought is 26 year old Aubrey Armstrong from Far Rockaway, New York. Armstrong was indicted last month by the Kennebec County Grand Jury and police have been looking for him since. He is 5'8" tall and weighs 155 pounds and went by the street name "Butta". Following the homicide, Armstrong is believed to have fled back to New York. State Police have been utilizing the U.S. Marshal's Service and New York law enforcement agencies to locate him. His last known permanent address was 2312 Oceancrest Blvd, Far Rockaway, NY.

Already charged in the death were Damik Davis from New York, and an Augusta couple – Zina Fritze and Sean McQuade. Fritze committed suicide in her jail cell two days after being charged with homicide. Armstrong was indicted last month along with Fritz and McQuade.

State Police said there is no indication that Armstrong has returned to Maine, but since he has not been apprehended, the decision was made to release his identity. Anyone with information on Armstrong's whereabouts is asked to call State Police in Augusta at 207-624-7076 or your local law enforcement agency.





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From: McCausland, Stephen on behalf of News, DPS
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 8:43 AM
Subject: Bangor Homicide FoloUp - BDN 2/1

'Beef' over woman may have led to Bangor shooting



Ashley L. Conti | BDN

Thomas "Ferg" Ferguson, 37, of Brooklyn, New York, talks with his attorney, Jeffrey Silverstein, at the Penobscot Judicial Center in Bangor on Friday [Buy Photo](#)

By [Judy Harrison](#), BDN Staff

Posted Jan. 29, 2016, at 6:46 p.m.

BANGOR, Maine — A fight over a woman may have led to a November shooting at a Center Street apartment that left one man dead and another wounded, according to information made public Friday during a hearing at the Penobscot Judicial Center. Robert Mark Kennedy, 38, of Bangor was shot and killed and Barry Jenkins, 40, of New York was shot and injured, Detective Timothy Shaw testified at a probable cause hearing for Thomas "Ferg" Ferguson, held before Superior Court Justice William Anderson. Anderson found there was probable cause for the charges against Ferguson and ordered that he continue to be held without bail at the Penobscot County Jail.

Ferguson, 37, and Robert "Rocco" Hansley, 27, both of New York City, were arrested on the night of Nov. 27, 2015, outside a Hammond Street apartment. Earlier that morning, the men allegedly shot and killed Kennedy and wounded Jenkins.

Both men are charged with murder and elevated aggravated assault. Ferguson also is charged with tampering with a victim. Ferguson pleaded not guilty to the charges Friday before the hearing began. Hansley is scheduled to enter not-guilty pleas on Feb. 26. All court records tied to the case have been sealed until both men have been arraigned.

Shaw, the lead detective in the case, testified about what he wrote in the affidavits after interviews were conducted with Jenkins and two women who were at the apartment at the time of the shooting.

He said that Jenkins told an officer who rode in the ambulance with him to Eastern Maine Medical Center that Ferguson shot him but Hansley also fired a gun, Shaw testified.

"We were told there was a beef between Kennedy and Ferguson that had been going on for some time," the detective said. "We were told it was over a girl but exactly what it was about was unclear."

Shaw said he did not know who the woman might have been.

One of the women at the Center Street apartment told police she was outside smoking when Ferguson and another man went into the apartment, Shaw said. The woman reported that she heard shots, then hid near a fence until they left.

The second woman was inside the apartment, Shaw testified, but changed her story about what she witnessed. The day before her grand jury testimony, she said that while she had been in the bedroom at the time of the shooting, the door was not closed as she had stated before. In her third or fourth statement to police, she reportedly said that she saw the men being shot.

No guns were found in the apartment or on either man when he was arrested, the detective said. A .40-caliber pistol was found at the Hammond Street apartment but it could not be traced to either man.

Heroin was found on Kennedy's body but no other drugs were found in the apartment or on the defendants when they were arrested, Shaw said.

So far, no fingerprint or DNA evidence has linked either man to the apartment, but ballistics and other tests of evidence have not been completed at the Maine State Police Crime Lab, he said.

Ferguson's attorney, Jeffrey Silverstein of Bangor, said outside the courthouse after the hearing that he was not surprised his client was held without bail given he has no ties to Maine and a criminal history in New York. Silverstein described his client as "a musician who was in Bangor to set up some performances."

"He wanted his opportunity to let me examine the officer in court. He needed to know more about what was known," Silverstein said. "The information, as you know, hasn't even started to come our way."

He longtime criminal defense attorney said that he learned that Jenkins, who had identification with different birth dates on them, and the female witnesses might not be reliable at trial because one was not able to pick Ferguson out of a lineup and the other changed her story several times.

Assistant Attorney General Deb Cashman, who is prosecuting the case, declined to comment on the hearing or the judge's decisions.

^ trial date is not expected to be set for at least six months.

If convicted of murder, each man faces between 25 years and life in prison.

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Lewiston police raid suspected meth labs

sun journal Staff Report



Russ Dillingham/Sun Journal

Agents with the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency sift through potential evidence from trash bags at the scene of a suspected methamphetamine lab at the corner of Sabattus and Orchard streets in Lewiston on Friday night.

LEWISTON — Two men were arrested Friday afternoon and charged with operating a methamphetamine lab in a Lisbon Street apartment building across from the Police Department.

Police and drug agents raided the building at 333 Lisbon St. Hours later, at 5:30 p.m., they headed to a second suspected meth lab, an apartment above the Black Shark Tropical Fish store at Sabattus and Orchard streets.

The second location is believed to be linked to the first, investigators said. Police blocked off a section of Orchard Street as drug technicians prepared to enter the building.

Just after noon Friday police evacuated the four-story Lisbon Street building and blocked downtown streets between Lisbon and Cedar and Park and Spruce.

Police and Maine Drug Enforcement Agency agents arrived at the building shortly before the evacuation to investigate a report of a meth lab, Police Chief Michael Bussiere said.

During that investigation, Bussiere said, investigators found evidence that needed further examination and police treated the scene as a possible meth lab or "at least a small-pot-type of combination," he said.

A team of local police and MDEA agents had been investigating the possibility of a meth lab since around midnight that led them to that location, he said.

"We're calling in other members of the team to do a cleanup and further investigation," Bussiere said. That team traveled from Bangor.

Methamphetamine is an extremely addictive stimulant. Preparing the drug is considered dangerous because of the chemicals involved and chemical reactions that create fumes and the risk of fire or explosion.

Lewiston police said Joseph Marcous, 29, and Samuel Johnson, 28, who live at the two raided locations, were each arrested and charged with unlawful operation of a methamphetamine lab.

Marcous lives at 333 Lisbon St., police said, while Johnson lives in the apartment above The Black Shark.

They were taken to Androscoggin County Jail in Auburn where each was being held on \$15,000 cash bail Friday night.

Police took Marcous into custody at his Lisbon Street apartment and interviewed him at the police station before making the arrest. He was decontaminated, then taken to a local hospital to have his medical condition checked, police said.

According to people leaving the building, they were told there may be a meth lab there and they were to leave. They were also told it would be three to four hours before they could return to the building.

Wanda Hoppe, a first-floor tenant who has lived there since September, said the building's alarm went off. "I opened the door to see what was going on," she said. "One of the cops came in and told us, 'Everybody out.'"

Several tenants said they had never smelled chemicals or suspected that meth was being cooked in the building.

By 4:30 p.m., drug technicians were suiting up and heading into the building to process evidence and to begin cleaning up. Tenants were told that it would be another two hours before they'd be able to return to their apartments.

"I've got medication in there and I need to take it," one man said. "They won't even let me go in and get it."

The tenants were allowed back into their homes a short time later, after the building was cleaned and aired out.

About 20 people were ordered to leave the building on Lisbon Street, according to Stephen McCausland, spokesman for the Maine Department of Public Safety. This was the sixth meth lab response by the MDEA this year, he said.

Police said they began investigating after learning that chemicals were possibly being used in a drug operation in the apartment above The Black Shark. The owner of the pet store, police said, does not live there and had rented the space to Johnson.

Police said there had been a small fire recently at Johnson's apartment as a result of the meth operation. He and Marcous then moved their equipment to the apartment on Lisbon Street, police said.

Investigators said it appeared that Johnson and Marcous had been making meth for their own consumption. Lewiston Fire Prevention was investigating the fire that occurred above The Black Shark. Police said more charges may be filed.

In a house across the street from The Black Shark, a couple said they never saw anything suspicious at the apartment above the pet store. They became aware of the situation Friday morning when police went there to begin their investigation.



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Lewiston police responded to the scene of a possible meth lab at an apartment above the Black Shark Tropical Fish shop on Sabattus Street on Friday evening.

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An agent with the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency backs a truck up to the scene of a suspected methamphetamine lab on Lisbon Street in Lewiston on Friday.

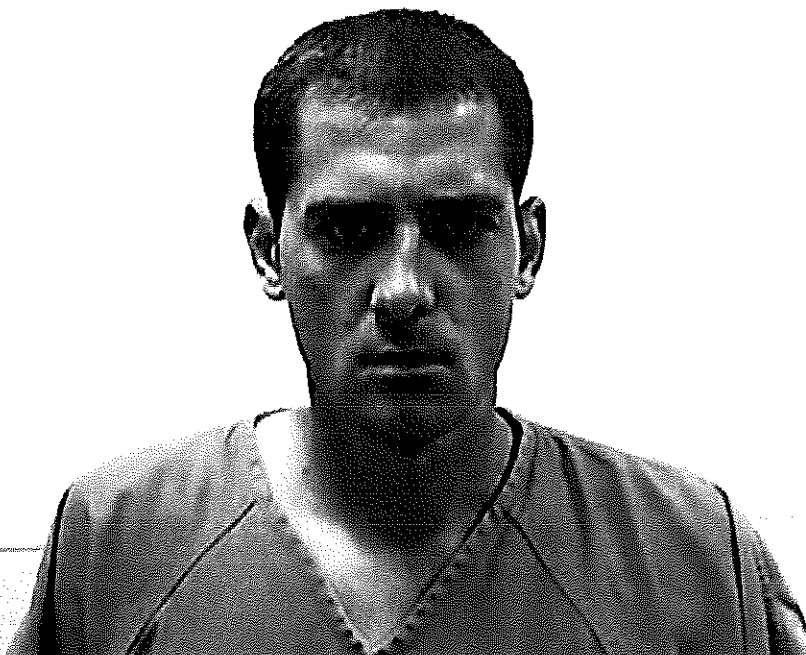
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Lewiston Police Detective Carley Conly informs Del Belliveau that he will not be able to go back to his apartment at 333 Lisbon St. — the tall building in the background — after police discovered a methamphetamine lab in apartment No. 202 on Friday. Conly gave Belliveau a ride to the Lewiston Public Library where he could wait for the investigation to be completed.

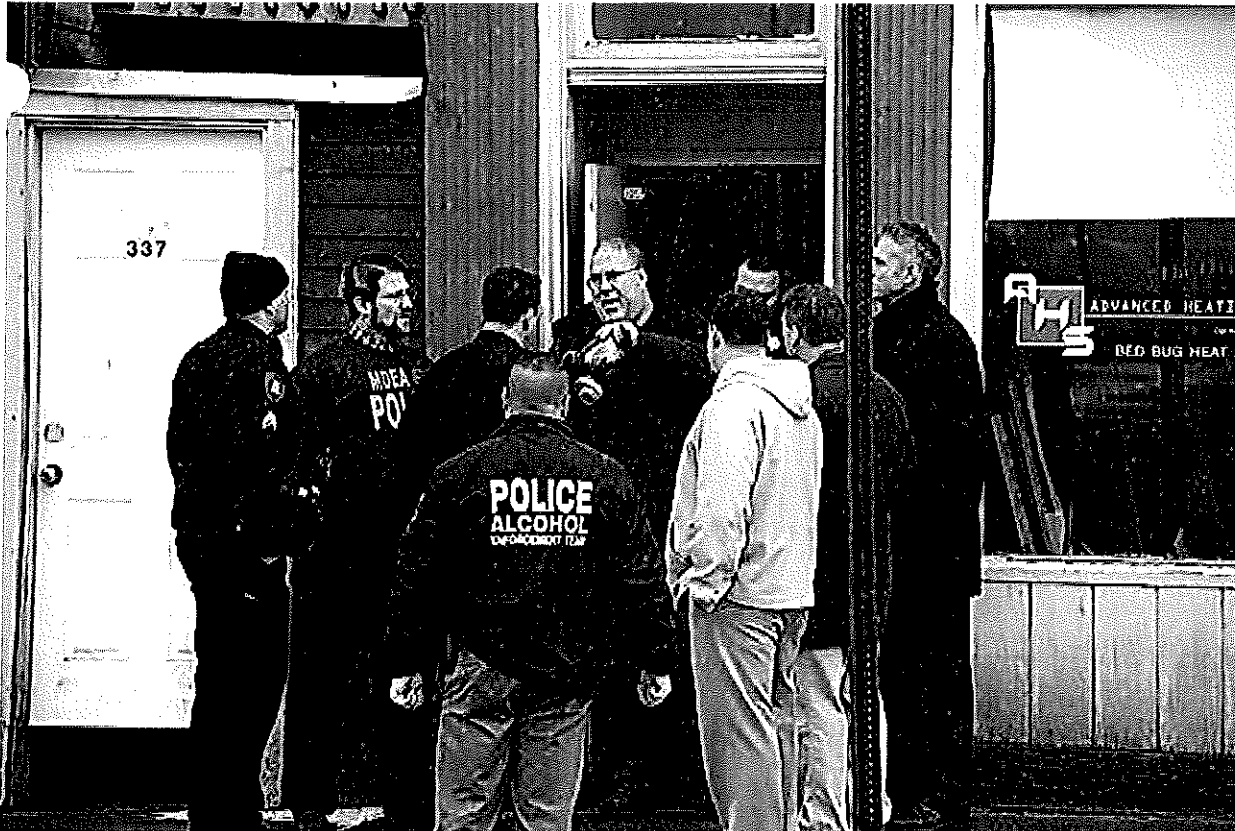
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Joseph Marcous



Samuel Johnson



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Matt Cashman of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency provides information to police officers outside the apartment building at 333 Lisbon St. in Lewiston on Friday.

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Lt. Adam Higgins, left, and Lewiston Police Chief Michael Bussiere investigate a possible methamphetamine lab at 333 Lisbon St. in Lewiston on Friday.

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Wanda Hoppe makes a phone call after her apartment building at 333 Lisbon St. in Lewiston was evacuated Friday. Hoppe was forced to leave her apartment when police discovered a methamphetamine lab in an apartment above hers.

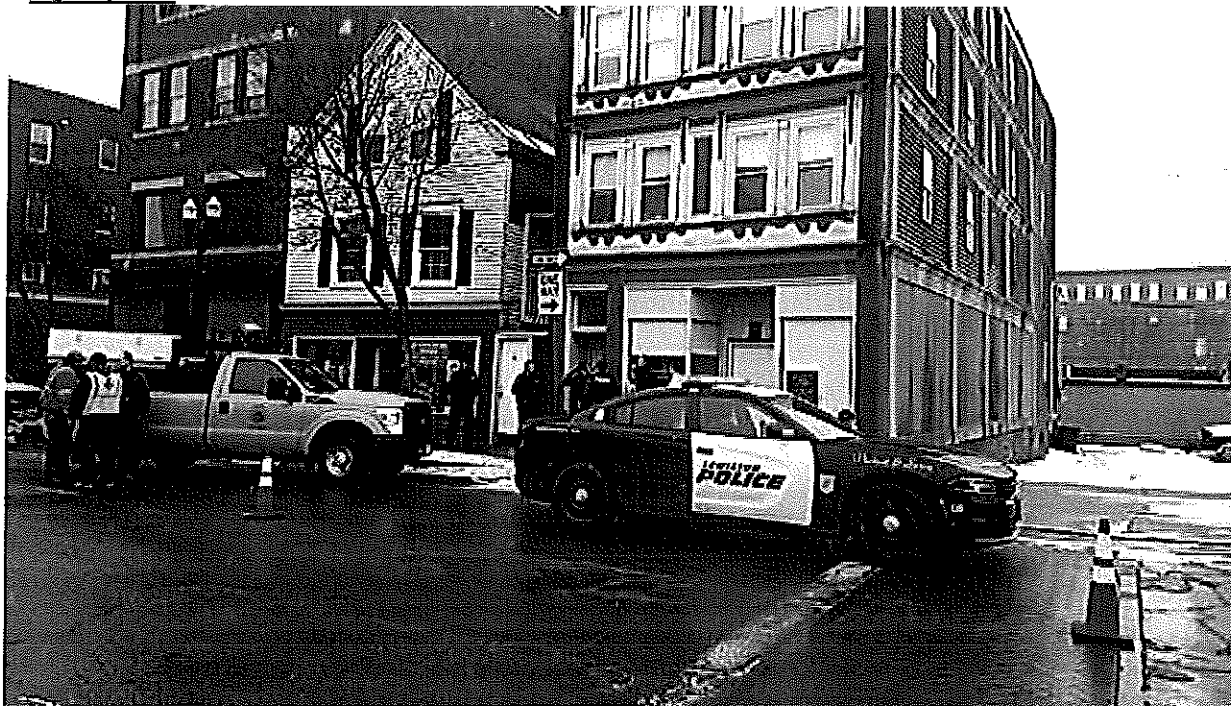
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Agents with the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency put on protective suits at the scene of a suspected methamphetamine lab on Lisbon Street in Lewiston on Friday.

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Lewiston police say they are investigating a possible meth lab in a Lisbon Street building Friday.

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***NEWS RELEASE from the Maine Department of Public Safety
from Spokesman Steve McCausland - 626-3811***

MUGS AT THE KENNEBEC COUNTY JAIL

State Police say a man and woman from Augusta have been formally charged in connection with the death of a man inside their apartment in November. A New York man had previously been charged in the case. Police are calling the death "a drug related homicide". 27 year old Zina Fritz and her boyfriend – 45 year old Michael Sean McQuade, were indicted late last week by the Kennebec County Grand Jury. They lived in the apartment at 75 Washington Street. Both were indicted on charges of murder, felony murder, and robbery and they will make their first court appearance on the charges Tuesday at 9am, at the Augusta Judicial Center. The two were arrested by Augusta Police on Friday on unrelated charges and are being held at the Kennebec County Jail. Both were told of their indictments today. Detectives arrested 25 year old Damik Davis of Queens New York the day of the homicide and charged him with murder. He continues to be held at the Kennebec Jail. The body of 31 year old Joseph Marceau of Augusta was found in the fourth floor apartment on November 23 after police were called to the building for a disturbance.



Ham, Stephanie

Subject:

FW: WINDHAM MURDER ARREST



From: McCausland, Stephen

Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 8:15 PM

Subject: WINDHAM MURDER ARREST

He was arrested in Kingfield a short time ago visiting his mother. He is now being transported south to the Cumberland jail

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From: McCausland, Stephen

Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 05:59 PM Eastern Standard Time

To: McCausland, Stephen

Subject: WINDHAM MURDER ARREST

State Police have charged a Windham man in connection with the shooting death of his wife inside their home on January 14. 33 year old Noah Gaston was arrested by detectives and charged with murder this evening. His 34 year old wife Alicia Gaston died from a shotgun blast , just before dawn. The couple's three children were at home at the time and are now staying with relatives. Gaston was taken to the Cumberland County Jail in Portland and will make his first court appearance in Portland, either Monday or Tuesday.

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From: McCausland, Stephen
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Police question Windham man's account of shooting wife in their home

Noah Gaston, charged with murdering Alicia Gaston, said he mistook her for an intruder before dawn on Jan. 14, but police say he gave 'inconsistent statements.'

By Eric Russell Staff Writer

A Windham man charged with murdering his wife gave "inconsistent statements" to police after he shot and killed her in the predawn hours of Jan. 14.

Noah Gaston first told police that he mistook his wife for an intruder, but upon further questioning police doubted that claim, according to a detective's affidavit obtained Monday.

Gaston, 33, is scheduled to appear Tuesday morning in Cumberland County Unified Court on a charge of murder in the death of his wife, Alicia Gaston, 34.

Gaston was identified as the shooter from the beginning, but he was not charged until Friday.

Court documents reveal that police detectives don't believe Gaston's account of what happened, specifically that "Noah Gaston provided inconsistent statements as to the location of his wife" before she died.

According to the affidavit, written by Maine State Police Detective Ethel Ross, Gaston called 911 about 6:15 a.m. on Jan. 14. He told the dispatcher that he had shot his wife in the stomach and she wasn't breathing. He said his wife had gotten up "super early" that day and he mistook her for an intruder.

Gaston was giving his wife CPR when police arrived at the home on Brookhaven Drive, just off Route 302.

He told police that he awoke to noises and grabbed his gun, a 12-gauge shotgun. He said it was unloaded and that he loaded a shell before heading downstairs. Gaston said that he believed his wife was still upstairs in bed when he saw a figure at the bottom of the stairs and fired.

Gaston first told police that his wife was in the middle of the stairs when he shot her, then later told them that she was at the bottom of the stairs.

The evidence at the scene is not consistent with Alicia Gaston being at or near the bottom of the stairs when she is shot," the affidavit reads. "Rather, the evidence shows that she was standing

somewhere between the first and second step down from the landing area of the stairs when she was shot."

Gaston also repeatedly told police that he and his wife had not argued before the shooting. However, police interviewed the couple's two daughters, ages 8 and 9, both of whom said they heard their parents arguing.

"She told me she heard mom and dad arguing in their scared voices," Ross said of the 8-year-old. "She told me she heard mom fall down the stairs and say 'ouch' and start crying."

The 8-year-old also told Ross that "she saw the gun on the floor in the hallway and smelled what she described as smoke and blood," the affidavit said.

Both daughters, along with a 2-year-old son, are now staying with relatives.

Alicia Gaston's family did not respond to a call and email seeking comment.

The Gastons lived for several years on Flaggy Meadow Road in Gorham and were house-sitting at the Windham house, according to a neighbor who lived next door to them in Gorham. Neighbors at the apartment complex in Gorham said Alicia Gaston home-schooled their children.

An online resume posted by Noah Gaston showed he recently worked at the New Morning Natural Foods market and cafe in Biddeford and had previously been executive chef of the 91 South restaurant at the PineCrest Inn in Gorham.

The family was said to be active at church and drew friends from the congregation. Facebook pictures showed the couple hiking in New Hampshire and happily embracing their children.

A [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) page was set up last week to help support Alicia Gaston's family. The page had a goal of \$3,000, and \$7,830 had been raised by Monday afternoon.

Ham, Stephanie

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FW: LYMAN HOME INVASION ARRESTS





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***NEWS RELEASE from the Maine Department of Public Safety
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**MUG OF WATSON AT THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY JAIL AND TWO OTHERS ARE
LIKELY AT THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY JAIL**

Maine State Police say three men have been arrested and a fourth is being sought in connection with a home invasion in Lyman last week in which a family of five was held at gunpoint and one of them was sexually assaulted. Stolen from the home on Mast Road were guns, money, medical marijuana and electronic equipment. Arrested in New Hampshire in the past two days are 22 year old Xavier Watson of Brentwood, NH, 20 year old Andre Thomas, Lawrence, MA, and 19 year old Vincent Casazza from Newmarket, MA. Maine Troopers have been working with the U S Marshal Service's Violent Offenders Task Force and Nashua Police to locate the men and arrest them. Police continue to seek the fourth man in connection with this case and he is also believed to be out of state. The name of the fourth suspect and the names of the victims are not being released at this time

Watson was taken into custody by the federal task force on Tuesday in Brentwood, NH, and Thomas and Casazza were arrested overnight in Nashua, by Nashua Police. The trio will face charges of burglary, robbery and theft of a firearm once they are returned to Maine. In addition Watson will also be charged with aggravated assault and unlawful sexual contact. Watson is being held at the Rockingham County Jail. The three will now face extradition proceedings to return them to Maine.

Trooper Jonathan Heimbach, who headed up the investigation, said four men entered the home in Lyman on January 15 and held the occupants at gunpoint as they ransacked the house. Stolen were two shotguns and a rifle, several hundred dollars in cash, medical marijuana, four cell phones and two laptop computers.

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To: McCausland, Stephen
Subject: NORTHPORT METH LAB

MUG AND THE EXACT CHARGES AT THE WALDO COUNTY JAIL

State Police and the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency continue to investigate the discovery of a methamphetamine lab inside a Northport home on Friday. It is the state's second meth lab this year. Troopers found the lab inside the house at 97 Prescott Hill Road while conducting a check on the home's occupant, who was out on bail on unrelated drug charges. 38 year old Melinda "Mindy" Way was re-arrested for violating her bail conditions and taken to the Waldo County Jail. MDEA's meth lab team responded to the home Friday night and seized a substantial amount of evidence related to the manufacturing of meth. Way and a second person are expected to be charged on the meth violations, likely next week. Way and two others were arrested last April by troopers for forging checks from two Belfast businesses to purchase drugs. Way was the bookkeeper for the businesses. ##

Ham, Stephanie

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FW: METH LAB #1



From: McCausland, Stephen

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Subject: METH LAB #1

MUGS AT THE CUMBERLAND JAIL

For more info - MDEA Commander Scott J. Pelletier - 207-822-0371 or Windham Police Chief Kevin Schofield- 207-892-2525

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and Windham Police announce the arrest of a couple from Gray for Unlawful Operation of a Methamphetamine Laboratory, the state's first for 2016. Maine ended 2015 with 56 meth lab incidents.

Being held at the Cumberland County Jail are 46 year old Charles McNeice and 33 year old Nicole Adams, both from Gray

Monday morning Windham Police were called to the area of 23 Tower Road in Windham for a report of a suspicious vehicle. Officers located the vehicle and then found a box near it that contained the items needed to manufacture methamphetamine. Members of the MDEA Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement Team responded to assist Windham Police at the scene.

Additional items needed in the manufacturing process were located in the vehicle, Ammonium Nitrate and Pseudoephedrine tablets. The investigation showed that McNeice and Adams had purchased the items a short time before they were discovered by officers and that McNeice was preparing to begin the process to convert the items into methamphetamine.

McNeice was also charged last year with a meth lab incident in Oxford and had been out on bail from that previous charge. McNeice and Adams were scheduled to appear in Cumberland County Court this afternoon.

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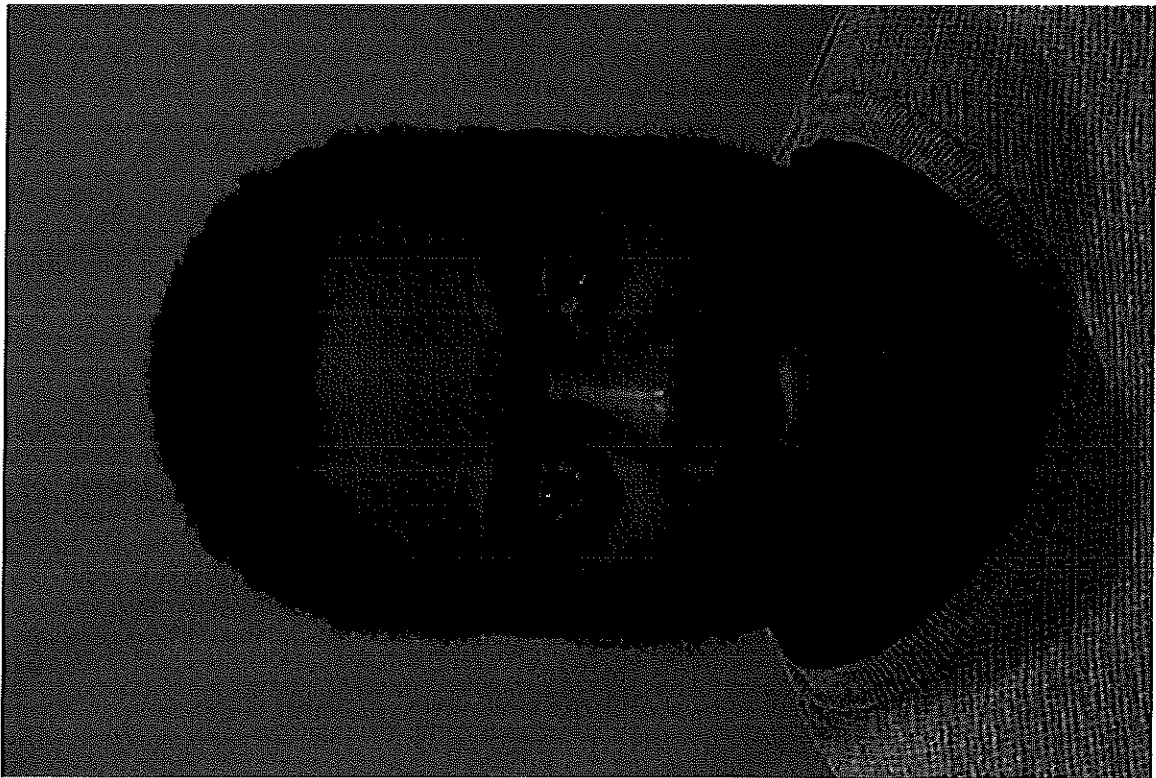
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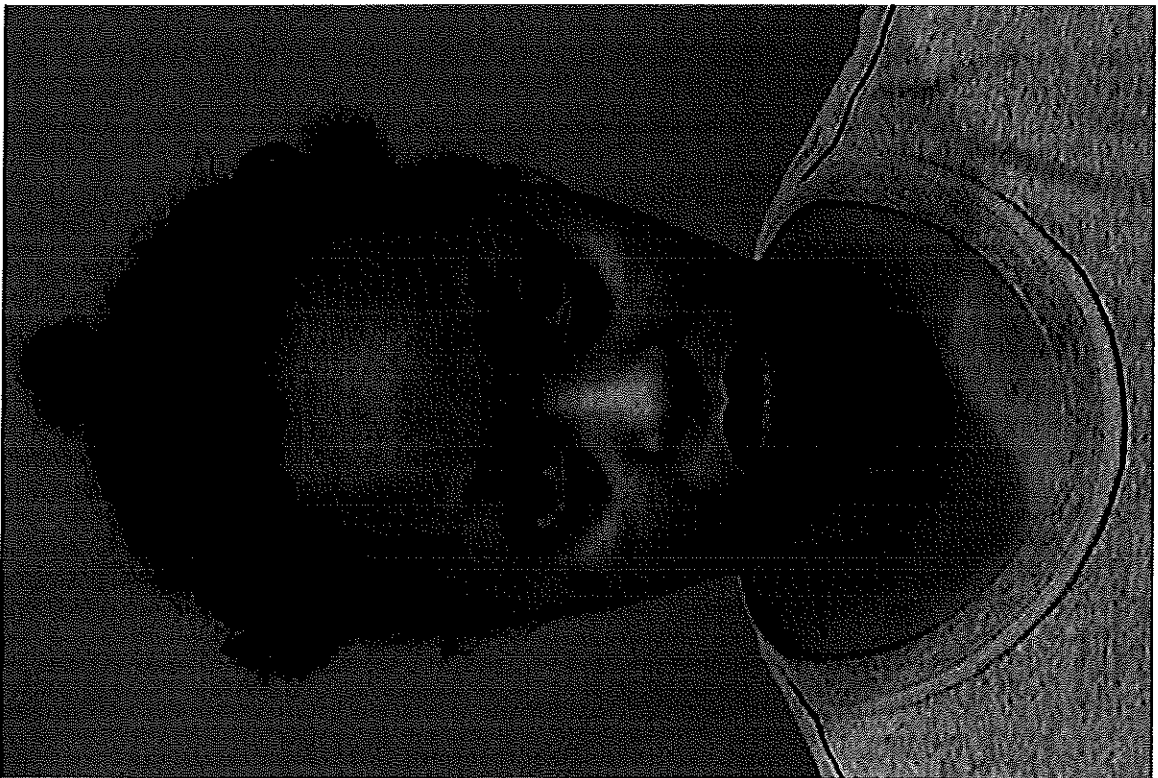
***NEWS RELEASE from the Maine Department of Public Safety
from Spokesman Steve McCausland - 626-3811***

State Police have arrested two people in Biddeford in connection with a counterfeit check writing scheme that likely has defrauded several retail stores in New England of upwards of \$100,000, including here in Maine. The fraudulent personal checks were being printed from a computer program and then cashed at a number of large retailers for gift cards and merchandise, which was later returned to the stores in exchange for cash. Arrested Monday were Kissie Whatley, 36, and Randell Bankston, 46, both from Atlanta, Georgia. Troopers also plan to charge a third person, once they have been located.

Troopers and Biddeford Police searched Whatley's apartment at 225 Alfred Street in Biddeford Monday and found the check writing operation taking place in the apartment using a computer and printer. Also located were multiple fake driver's licenses and identifications, many of them from stolen identities in Georgia, North Carolina and Indiana. Trooper Niles Krech said it is not clear why Whatley used Biddeford as her base of operation which started in July, when she rented the apartment using a fake ID. He said at least \$30,000 worth of the fake checks were cashed in Maine and it is likely another \$70,000 worth were cashed throughout New England.

Whatley is charged with aggravated forgery, forgery and theft by unauthorized taking. Bankston is charged with organized retail theft and misuse of an identification card. The third person being sought faces similar charges. Whatley and Bankston have extensive criminal history for fraud and both are wanted in different states for similar charges. Both were taken to the Cumberland County Jail. In addition to the bogus checks, Whatley also used the fake IDs to register a car in Maine and to obtain prescription drugs. State Police also notified US Postal Inspectors as some of the identities and bank information came from stolen mail.





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***NEWS RELEASE from the Maine Department of Public Safety
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MUG AT THE YORK JAIL

State Police arrested a Biddeford man early this morning on cocaine charges after his car was stopped on the Maine Turnpike in Ogunquit. 26 year old Mason Soto was charged with trafficking cocaine and taken to the York County Jail where he is being held on \$10,000 bail. Troopers found 49 grams of cocaine in his shoes after Trooper Kristy Libritz stopped Soto's car in the northbound lane just after midnight for erratic driving. The street value of the cocaine is \$4900.

Soto's DOB 9-3-89

