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Two Arrested Following Drug Investigation

Hingham, MA – Two men were arrested last week following a drug investigation which resulted in the sale of fentanyl to a police officer. Following the arrests, cocaine, cash and the car were seized.

On November 20, 2018 Hingham Police Detectives, with assistance of the Massachusetts State Police Plymouth County Detective Unit were continuing an investigation into drug sales. At about 6pm a plainclothes Hingham Police Officer met two men who arrived in a car in a secluded area of Fottler Road. The Officer purchased a bag suspected to contain heroin or fentanyl from one of the men in the car. Detectives immediately took both men into custody at the scene.

Arrested were Michael Cruz-Perez, age 30, of 58 Greendale Road Apt. #1L, Mattapan, MA and Jason R. Belmarsh, age 41, of 38 Point Allerton Avenue Apt. B, Hull, MA. Both were initially charged with 1) Distribute Class A Substance 2) Conspiracy to Violate Controlled Substance Act. Both booked at the Hingham Police station.

Cruz-Perez was released after posting \$2,000 cash bail. Belmarsh was released after posting \$750 cash bail. Both were arraigned at Hingham District Court on November 21. Cruz-Perez will return to court January 3, 2019. Belmarsh will return December 5, 2018.

Hingham Narcotics K9 "Pablo" searched the car and indicated on an area underneath the car's dashboard and center console. Detectives removed two containers. Inside one container were 7 baggies containing powdered and crack cocaine. Inside the second container were 8 baggies that also contained powdered and crack cocaine. A total as 13 grams of cocaine were found. The car and \$840.00 were also seized. Additional charges will be sought after further testing showed the bag sold to the Officer contained mostly fentanyl and the additional cocaine was found.

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