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NEWS RELEASE

DRUG INVESTIGATION and ARREST

On March 29, 2007 a search warrant was executed by the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit and members of the Webster Police Department at 1a Pearl Street apartment #5, residence of Benjamin Franklin Wise DOB 11/21/54.

This investigation has been on going by both Law Enforcement agencies for several months, and was focused on the illegal distribution of cocaine and crack cocaine. During this investigation several undercover purchases of narcotics were made from Wise as well as other individuals.

On March 29, 2007 after an undercover buy from Wise, a vehicle stop was made on the Main Street of Webster and Wise was placed under arrest. Another team of State Police and Webster Police detectives executed the Search Warrant at the residence. Upon entering the residence a Pit Bull charged the officers and made several attempts to bite them. A shot was fired by one of the officers, which struck the Pit Bull. The Pit Bull was removed by a State Police K-9 unit and the Webster Animal Control Officer. The Pit Bull was immediately transported to Tufts University for treatment.

Upon entering the apartment Detectives found William Perez-Crespo, DOB 01/05/86, 3138 Dow Ct, Deltona, Fl. He was charged with Possession to Distribute Class A (Heroin), Possession to Distribute Cocaine, Possession of Dangerous Weapons (double edge knifes), and Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law. He was later bailed from the Webster Police Station for \$1040.00.

Inside the apartment several bags of crack cocaine and heroin were discovered along with other material to show consistency of illegal narcotic distribution, also a sum of money was found. Inside a vehicle registered to Wise was a case of shotgun shells.

In addition to the search warrant for the apartment, arrest warrants had been issued for other individuals who had conspired in the distribution of illegal narcotics with Wise. Ashley Freudenthal, DOB 06/20/1987 of Brookside Ave, Webster was arrested for Possession with intent to distribute Cocaine, and Conspiracy to violate the Drug Laws. She was picked up from the Dudley Police Department and arrested for another incident that had occurred earlier that day. She was later bailed from the Webster Police Department.

Another individual Daniel Miller, DOB 11/04/61 of 3 Church Ct, Webster arrested on an arrest warrant for similar charges. He was also bailed from the Webster Police Department.

During the search of the apartment, information was gathered that Wise had a storage unit at Storage Plus on Cudworth Road, Webster. A subsequent Search Warrant was requested and granted for that location. At approximately 12:30am, a search was conducted at the storage unit that Wise was renting. Inside the unit Detectives found approximately 200-250 bags of an illegal substance they believed to be Heroin as well as a 25 caliber handgun, a 9mm large capacity handgun and a sawed-off shotgun.

Wise was arrested and charged with Possession to Distribute Class A (Heroin), Possession to Distribute Class B (Cocaine), Conspiracy to Violate the Drug Laws, Weapons Violation (double edge knives), Possession of a Sawed Off Shotgun, Possession of Firearms (.25 cal & 9 MM), Firearms with out a FID card, Trafficking in Heroin. Bail was set at \$15,000.00, he remained at the Webster Police Department until morning when he was taken to Dudley District court to be arraigned..