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See Also:

Arrest of a Wanted Drug Dealer

Some heads-up work by a New Bedford Police Narcotics Detective Saturday afternoon (2/28/09) led to the arrest of a wanted drug dealer who was armed with a loaded, 9mm handgun stolen out of Pennsylvania. [This was the 7th firearm detectives seized in the month of February.](#)

Detective Dan Amaral recognized ANTONIO RODRIGUES (23) of Ellen Street in New Bedford going into a some south-end bars in New Bedford (specifically, Fernando's on County Street and the Portuguese Sports Club on Delano Street). Narcotics detectives immediately set up surveillance on RODRIGUES as Detective Amaral knew that ANTONIO RODRIGUES was not only a drug dealer but also had warrants outstanding for his arrest. When RODRIGUES exited the Portuguese Sports Club at about 2:30 this past Saturday, detectives moved in to arrest him and a struggle ensued. During the struggle RODRIGUES, who had his hands in his pockets, took out a 9mm firearm (later determined to be loaded and stolen from Pennsylvania) which he tossed into the middle of South Second Street. Fortunately detectives were able to subdue RODRIGUES speedily, take him into custody and seize the gun without anyone being hurt.

RODRIGUES was charged with numerous felonies and served with (3) outstanding arrest warrants. He was arraigned in New Bedford 3rd District Court this morning and was held without bail pending a Dangerousness Hearing pursuant to the policy of District Attorney Sutter's Office. RODRIGUES is due back in New Bedford 3rd District Court for his Dangerousness Hearing on March 5th.



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Media Report

PERSONS FILE Number: 248937

Name: **RODRIGUES, ANTONIO**



Photo Date: 2/28/2009

Race: BLACK
DOB: 03/09/1985
Age: 23
Sex: MALE
Eyes: BROWN
Hair: BLACK
Height: 67 INCHES
Weight: 155 LBS



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