

NEW BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUSPECTED DRUG DEALER ARRESTED AFTER FOOT CHASE

On Wednesday, August 22, 2007, just before 3:30 P.M., the New Bedford Police Communications Center broadcast a radio call based on information received from a concerned citizen. The call relayed that a male was sitting on the porch in the area of 1430 Pleasant Street in New Bedford dealing drugs.

Ofc. James Estrella of the Community Policing Unit was the first to respond. Upon arrival Ofc. Estrella observed a male suspect matching the description given over the radio engaged in suspicious activity. Upon further investigation, the male, who was uncooperative from the beginning burst into a sprint to evade Ofc. Estrella.

Ofc. Estrella gave chase of this male north on Pleasant Street, across traffic on Weld Street, and into an area apartment complex parking lot. Ofc. Estrella then caught the suspect on Clark Street a few blocks away where a struggle ensued. The suspect was so uncooperative and resistive that Ofc. Estrella had to subdue him with pepper spray so that he could be handcuffed and taken into custody.

Upon being searched, Ofc. Estrella recovered a plastic baggie with (13) individual smaller plastic baggies (referred to as "corner baggies") containing suspected cocaine packaged for sale.

The suspect, ultimately identified as **PETER J. RODERICK (DOB: 4/6/1989)**, was charged with:

- 1) Possession of Cocaine
- 2) Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute
- 3) Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute within 1000 feet of a school zone (Hayden McFadden Elementary School)
- 4) Warrant (Threats to Commit a Crime)

RODERICK was subsequently transported to the Bristol County Ash Street Jail pending bail/arraignment.



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Media Report

PERSONS FILE Number: **262014**

Name: **RODERICK, PETER J**



Photo Date: 8/22/2007

Race: **BLACK**
DOB: **04/06/1989**
Age: **18**
Sex: **MALE**
Eyes: **BROWN**
Hair: **BLACK**
Height: **74 INCHES**
Weight: **180 LBS**

Last known Address: **1 AUSTIN CT**

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Parole or Probation?:

