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NCCPD Safe Streets and FBI Task Force Detectives Make Drug Arrest

On July 13th New Castle County Police Safe Streets and FBI Task Force Detectives arrested 37 year old Brandon Priestly of Dover and 44 year old Trena Stewart of Newark for numerous drug related offenses after suspicious activity was observed.

(Newark, DE 19702) On Monday July 13, 2015, Detectives from the New Castle County Safe Streets Unit and FBI Task Force were conducting proactive enforcement in response to recent crimes and reported drug activity in the area of the Village of Windhover, Newark.

One detective observed suspicious activity resembling drug sales involving a dark blue Nissan Maxima. The detective and other members of the unit continued to observe the vehicle and were able to conduct a vehicle stop nearby. Driving that vehicle was 37 year old Brandon Priestly of Dover, who also had a suspended license. Several drug sales related items were seen during that vehicle stop and a subsequent search of the vehicle yielded 36.4 grams of marijuana, 6.7 grams of brown hashish (pictured below), numerous items of paraphernalia consistent with drug sales, and a few grams of a substance called "Moon Rock" (similar to MDMA). "Moon Rock" (pictured below) is a designer drug that may contain bath salts or methamphetamines.

The investigation led the detectives to the 200 block of Sandburg Place where another search was conducted. Inside that residence, 44 year old Trena Stewart was found to be in possession of ecstasy pills, "mollie" (MDMA), more of the "moon rock" substance, over 35 grams of marijuana, and several items of paraphernalia indicative of drug sales.

Brandon Priestly was charged with Possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, Delivery of a controlled substance, 2 counts of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was also charged with numerous traffic offenses related to the vehicle stop. He was committed to Howard Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$131,000.00 secured bail.

Trena Stewart was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was issued a \$600.00 secured bail and released.



Trena Stewart



Brandon Priestly