

Assault and Weapons Suspects Arrested

Newark – A city man, wanted for assault, was arrested this morning by an Essex County sheriff's officer on an assault charge stemming from a incident today at the Essex County Division of Welfare.

Sheriff Armando Fontoura stated that while on security detail at the county welfare office, located at 18 Rector Street, a client advised Officer Tahir Brown that a suspect wanted for the August 20th assault of a resident at the Goodwill Rescue Mission was in the building.

Sheriff Fontoura said that Officer Brown detained 42-year-old Duvall Powell, also a resident of the mission, located at 79 University Avenue, and initiated a records check of the suspect.

Powell attempted to flee the scene. Upon being restrained, the suspect violently struck Brown, punching and kicking the officer. After a brief struggle Brown was able to handcuff Powell.

Powell was charged with one count each of aggravated assault on a police officer and resisting arrest. He was placed in the Essex County Correctional Facility where he awaits arraignment on the two assault incidents.

Newark – Late Monday afternoon, narcotics officers from the Essex County sheriff's office conducted a stake-out at a residential parking lot and arrested a suspect, charging him with multiple weapons offenses.

Sheriff Armando Fontoura stated that detectives from the Bureau of Narcotics initiated a surveillance operation at the rear parking lot of 119 Peshine Avenue yesterday as part of an on-going investigation.

Sheriff Fontoura said that at 3:45 p.m. Lanier Hayes entered the lot and approached a cream-colored, abandoned 1989 Cadillac DeVille with the keys in his hands.

BON detectives intercepted Hayes before he could get into the vehicle.

A search of the Cadillac's trunk revealed a fully loaded, Tec-9 assault weapon equipped with an illegal high capacity magazine that contained hollow point bullets. Also in the trunk was a Hi-Point semi-automatic handgun. Both weapons were seized.

Hayes was charged with two counts each of possession of a weapon and possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes. The suspect was also charged with possession of a prohibited device (hollow point bullets).

Newark municipal court Judge Marilyn Williams set bail on Hayes at \$100,000 cash bond. He was remanded to the county jail where he awaits arraignment in criminal Central Judicial Processing court on Wednesday.