

Speeding Leads To Drug Arrest

Newark – After being pulled over for speeding this morning, an East Orange man was charged with drug trafficking.

Sheriff Armando Fontoura stated that Patrol Division Officer Michael Kihlberg was conducting radar enforcement on Oraton Parkway at Vailsburg Park shortly after 10:00 a.m. on Thursday when a white, 1999 Dodge Intrepid was clocked at 44 mph in a 25 mph zone.

The driver, 29-year-old Eliud Cartagena, was pulled over and Kihlberg observed a open Neiman Markus shopping bag in the back seat. The bag contained one-half pound of marijuana, packaged in ziplock plastic bags.

At that time, Cartagena was placed under arrest and charged with possession of CDS, possession of CDS with intent to distribute, possession of CDS with intent to distribute within 500 feet of Vailsburg Park, possession of CDS with intent to distribute within 1000 feet of the Speedway Avenue School and possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

The suspect was also found to be wanted on three open criminal warrants issued by the Newark municipal court. Additionally, Cartagena was issued summonses for speeding, driving with a suspended license and transporting narcotics in a motor vehicle.

Following questioning at Patrol Division headquarters, Cartagena was placed in the county jail where he awaits arraignment on today's charges