# 6 Suspects Arrested; Guns, Heroin, Cocaine Seized

Newark – Four suspects were arraigned this morning on drug and weapons charges following their arrest yesterday by Essex County sheriff’s detectives in two separate plainclothes operations in the city. Two other persons were also arrested during the incidents.

Sheriff Armando Fontoura stated that detectives from his department’s Bureau of Narcotics, armed with a search warrant for the residence of Joseph “Whackshine” Feliciano, a known Bloods gang member, established surveillance at the suspect’s home, located at 71 Tiffany Boulevard on Wednesday afternoon.
Just before 4:00 p.m., Feliciano, age 26, was observed leaving his residence accompanied by his roommate, Khalif Williams, age 28. The suspects entered a white 1999 Acura TL and the sheriff’s BON detectives followed the suspects to 444 Mt. Prospect Avenue.

At this location, Feliciano double parked his vehicle and exchanged small items from the car for cash. Believing they had witnessed a narcotics transaction, the BON officers moved in to further investigate.

Sheriff Fontoura said that when the BON detectives approached the Acura they could plainly see 150 decks of heroin on the driver’s floor board. The narcotics was packaged in brick form of 50 glassine envelopes each, stamped “EXPRESS” in blue ink.

Feliciano and Williams were both placed under arrest and the sheriff’s detectives returned to the Tiffany Boulevard apartment to execute the search warrant.

In Feliciano’s bedroom, the BON officers discovered and seized an additional 572 decks of heroin and narcotics packaging paraphernalia from the drawer of a nightstand. A box of ammunition for a 9mm Luger was discovered under Feliciano’s mattress.

In Williams’s bedroom, the BON detectives discovered a loaded, 9mm, Hi-Point semi-automatic handgun on top of a dresser.

In total, 722 decks of heroin were recovered during the operation.

Feliciano and Williams were both charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of CDS with intent to distribute, possession of CDS with intent to distribute within 500 feet of Belleville Park, conspiracy to violate New Jersey’s narcotics laws, possession of a weapon while committing a CDS crime and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon. Feliciano was additionally charged with possession of CDS in a motor vehicle.

At today’s arraignment Judge Marilyn E. Williams set bail on both suspects at $125,000 cash bond only. Feliciano and Williams remain lodged at the county jail.

At noon on Wednesday, sheriff’s BON detectives conducted a quality of life surveillance operation in the area of 163 ½ Avon Avenue, a known open-air, high volume drug trafficking area and part of the Pilgrim Village housing complex.

Here, the BON officers observed two suspects, later identified as Donell Watson, age 25, and Khaalid Harris, age 20, loitering in the area.

A few minutes later, a male passerby, later identified as Ronald Solomon, age 51, stopped and engaged in brief conversation with the suspects. Harris then walked to a nearby building and was observed retrieving a clear plastic bag from an overhanging awning and removing an item from the bag.

Harris returned and exchanged the item with Solomon for cash.

Solomon was followed from the scene, detained and found to be in possession of one glassine envelope of heroin, stamped “DARK NITE” in purple ink.

With Solomon under arrest, the BON detectives moved in and detained Harris, Watson and Nafis Turner, age 20, who had recently arrived on the scene.

While detaining the suspects the awning was searched and found to contain an additional 54 decks of heroin, six vials of ‘crack’ cocaine and a .22 caliber, SGA semi-automatic handgun, loaded with illegal hollow point bullets and reported stolen by the DeKalb County Police in Georgia.

Watson and Harris were placed under arrest and both suspects were charged with two counts each of possession of CDS, possession of CDS with intent to distribute, possession of CDS with intent to distribute within 500 feet of a public housing complex, and the sale of CDS. Both suspects were also charged with conspiracy to violate New Jersey’s

narcotics laws, the unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon while committing a narcotics crime, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, possession of prohibited devices (hollow point bullets) and receiving stolen property.

Turner was found to be the subject of an open warrant issued by the Newark municipal court and was turned over to Newark police.

Solomon was charged with possession of CDS and released pending a future court date.

At today’s arraignment, Judge Williams set bail at $100,000 cash bond only on both Watson and Turned who are lodged at the county jail.