

Arrest Yields Gun, Illegal Bullets, Drugs

Newark – A suspected Bloods street gang member was arraigned today on weapons and drug charges following his arrest by Essex County sheriff's officers on Friday.

Sheriff Armando Fontoura stated that officers from his department were on routine quality of life patrol in a marked vehicle near the intersection of Kent and Brenner streets late Friday afternoon when a late model Lincoln LS with illegally tinted windows drove by them. The sheriff's officers activated overhead lights and siren to conduct a motor vehicle stop.

At this point, the rear passenger door opened and a male, later identified as Daquan Cuttino, age 19, of Newark, exited the Lincoln and ran from the scene.

Fontoura said that Officers Ryan Udvarhely and Dominic Petrucci chased Cuttino on foot. While in pursuit the sheriff's officers observed as the suspect grasped at an item that was in his waistband.

During the chase Cuttino threw a .357 Taurus handgun, loaded with illegal hollow point bullets, to the ground. The weapon was immediately recovered by the officers. It was later determined that the handgun had been reported stolen out of Hinton, West Virginia.

Udvarhely and Petrucci finally caught up with the suspect on Springfield Avenue and tackled him to the ground. As Cuttino continued to resist arrest the officers were successful in subduing him and placing him in handcuffs.

A search of Cuttino yielded two Xanax tablets and two bags of marijuana.

Cuttino was charged with the unlawful possession of a weapon, receiving stolen property and possession of hollow point bullets. He was also charged with two counts each of possession of a controlled dangerous substance and resisting arrest.

At today's arraignment, Judge Marilyn Williams set bail on Cuttino at \$50,000. The suspect remains lodged at the county jail.