Man Toting Assualt Rifle Arrested, 2 Others Face Drug Charges

Newark- Three suspects were arrested on gun and drug charges yesterday in two separate incidents by Essex County Sheriff's detectives.

Sheriff Armando Fontoura stated that the first two arrests were part of an on-going investigation into drug trafficking yesterday in Newark's East Ward. Armed with a search warrant, detectives from the Bureau of Narcotics set up surveillance at 84 Thomas Street.
Sheriff Fontoura said the BON detectives observed two individuals engaging in what appeared to be a hand to hand transaction with an unidentified male.

The detectives moved in and quickly detained Tanya Quiles, 25 of Newark, and Christian Hernandez, 25 of Newark. Their second floor apartment was searched and in the front bedroom detectives discovered a brown leather pocketbook which contained 36.6 grams of crack cocaine, 5 small baggies of marijuana, a .45 caliber handgun model 1911. In a second bedroom, a loaded Armalite Incorporated M15 Assault Rifle with a high capacity magazine was discovered along with 26 rounds of ammunition.

The Detective's also discovered and seized a variety of drug processing and packaging paraphernalia in the apartment.

Hernandez and Quiles were charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of CDS with intent to distribute, possession of CDS with intent to distribute within 1000 feet of Lady Liberty, possession of CDS with intent to distribute within 500 ft of Tichenor Park, Unlawful possession of weapon assault rifle, unlawful possession of weapon handgun, possession of weapon while committing CDS offense, hollow points, and conspiracy. At today’s arraignment, Judge Marilyn Williams ordered both suspects to be held at the county jail in lieu of $200,000 cash bond.

Sheriff Fontoura added that later that evening BON detectives, while on patrol, received information that a man with an assault rifle was walking south on Stone Street in Newark's North Ward.

At that location the officers spotted a man fitting the description carrying a Mooseberg 22 cal long rifle and detained him. The detectives also recovered 14 hollow point bullets.

The Kevin Perry was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon assault firearm, possession of prohibited device dum dum bullets, and illegal possession of extended magazine. Judge Diana E. Montes ordered Perry to be held at the county jail in lieu of $100,000 cash bond .