

## Suspects Arrested; Heroin, Cocaine & Marijuana Seized

Newark — Two alleged drug suspects were arrested by Essex County sheriff's officers on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Sheriff Armando Fontoura stated that detectives from his department's Bureau of Narcotics, armed with a search warrant for the first floor apartment at 94 North 5th Street in Newark, conducted a joint investigation with officers from the Essex Fells Police Department on Tuesday night.

Sheriff Fontoura said the task force established exterior surveillance on the apartment and observed as a white Ford Taurus pulled up and parked at that location. Here, the driver engaged in a brief conversation with the target of the investigation, Rodney "Logic" Little, age 34. The BON detectives and the Essex Fells police officers further observed as Little re-entered his apartment, returned to the scene and exchanged items for cash. The Taurus then drove away and Little returned to his apartment.

Believing they had witnessed a hand-to-hand drug transaction, the task force officers moved in to enforce the search warrant. When Little did not respond to knocks on his door the officers made a forced entry into the apartment.

Inside Little's apartment, the suspect was found at his kitchen countertop packaging 826 grams of marijuana into plastic bags for street distribution. The value of the narcotics was in excess of \$8,000.

Little was 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 the Sussex Avenue Elementary School, possession of CDS with intent to distribute within 500 feet of the Roseville Public Library and possession of drug manufacturing paraphernalia.

At today's arraignment, Judge Marilyn Williams ordered Little to be held at the county jail in lieu of \$80,000 cash bond only.

Sheriff Fontoura added that officers from his department's were on proactive quality of life patrol in Branch Brook Park on Wednesday evening when they observed the occupants of a red Acura driving north on Park Drive without wearing seatbelts.

When the sheriff's Patrol Division officers conducted a motor vehicle stop they recognized one of the back seat passengers as 23-year-old Naim Moore, a resident of Newark, who the officers had arrested on June 3rd of this year on charges of carrying a loaded handgun.

At this time, Moore was shaking nervously and sweating profusely.

Moore was ordered to exit the vehicle and at that point he attempted to flee the scene on foot. The sheriff's officers tackled Moore to the ground where he continued to resist arrest.

A search of the suspect yielded 65 vials of "crack" cocaine and 29 glassine envelopes of heroin, stamped "CRAZY SAMURAI" in gold ink.

Moore was placed under arrest and 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 Branch Brook Park and possession of CDS with intent to distribute within 1000 feet of Barringer High School. Moore was further charged with resisting arrest and the obstruction of the administration of law.

Last night, Judge Victoria Pratt ordered Moore to be held at the county jail in lieu of \$40,000 cash bond only. Moore is scheduled to be arraigned on yesterday's charges on October 31st.