

Drug Suspect Arrested & Arraigned

Newark - Instead of serving up "value meals" from a porch of 111 S. 10th St, a drug suspect was arrested late yesterday afternoon by Essex County Sheriff's detectives after they discovered a significant quantity of heroin, "crack" cocaine , and marijuana in a Popeye's chicken bag that he was holding.

Sheriff Armando Fontoura stated that detectives from his department's Bureau of Narcotics were conducting a quality of life detail in Newark's North Ward when they observed a man, later identified as Anthony Taylor, age 25 of Newark, retrieve items from a Popeye's chicken bag and engage in what appeared to be a drug transaction.

The detectives moved in and detained Anthony. A search of the Popeye's bag revealed 80 glassine envelopes of heroin, stamped "MAX-B" in red ink, 68 clear zip-loc bags and vials of "crack" cocaine, a plastic bag containing an additional 10.8 grams of 'crack' cocaine, and 39 clear plastic bags containing marijuana. The street value of the drugs was estimated at \$3,000.

"Given the variety of narcotics in his possession, the suspect was apparently catering to all tastes," observed Sheriff Fontoura.

Anthony was charged with three counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, three counts of possession of CDS with intent to distribute and three counts of possession of CDS with intent to distribute within 1000 feet of the Martin Luther King School.

At today's arraignment, Judge Marilyn Williams set bail on Anthony in the amount of \$35,000 cash bond only. He is currently lodged in the Essex County Jail.