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PRESS RELEASE

Over the past three months, Barnstable Police Narcotics Detectives and members of the Bristol County Sheriff's Narcotics Unit have been conducting a heroin and cocaine distribution investigation targeting reputed New Bedford gang member Aaron Magnett (age 22). Investigators learned that Magnett was traveling from the New Bedford area to the Cape on a daily basis to distribute heroin and cocaine. During the investigation, Magnett sold heroin to an undercover Detective in Bourne, Hyannis, and Orleans.

On 1/25/12, Detectives learned that Magnett would be delivering heroin to a customer in Hyannis. Barnstable Detectives, Bristol County Sheriff's Officers and members of the Cape Cod Regional SWAT Team apprehended Magnett and his female accomplice, Shameka Clement (age 28 of New Bedford), in a Route 132 parking lot. Investigators seized quantities of heroin and cocaine from Magnett. Clement was found to be in possession of cocaine. Both suspects had the drugs hidden inside their undergarments. A Mashpee Police drug sniffing K-9 assisted in locating the drugs.

Magnett was charged with Possession of Cocaine and Heroin With Intent to Distribute and Conspiracy to Violate the Controlled Substance Act. Clement was charged with Possession of Cocaine With Intent to Distribute and Conspiracy to Violate the Controlled Substance Act. The street value of the drugs seized is approximately \$2000. Both suspects were held overnight at the BPD on 10K bail and arraigned this morning in Barnstable District Court. Magnett will be facing two counts of Distribution of Class A/Heroin in Orleans and Falmouth District Court.

Both Clement and Magnett are reputed New Bedford gang members (United Front gang) with extensive criminal records involving drugs and firearm charges. Clement is currently on supervised release from Boston Federal Court stemming from a 2010 conviction for Distribution of Cocaine. Magnett is currently on New Bedford District Court probation. Both suspects were arrested in a 2009 federal gang investigation in Bristol County.