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On 02/21/2012, Members of the Barnstable Police Department Detective Division assisted by Department of Homeland Security ICE agents executed a search warrant at 43 Spring Street, Hyannis. The warrant was obtained after week long investigation by BPD Detective Daniel Turner. TURNER learned that Thiago M Depaula lived at 43 Spring St, Hyannis. Det Turner had information DEPAULA was a suspected illegal alien and that he may be wanted in Brazil. DEPAULA was also believed to be involved in the distribution of narcotics from the residence. The investigation revealed a stolen Apple I-Pad may be inside 43 Spring Street.

At approximately 6:45pm, BPD Detectives led by Det Lt Sean Balcom and ICE agents executed the search warrant. DEPAULA was located inside the residence. Police found two (2) grams of cocaine, a digital scale, narcotics packaging material and approximately \$2574.00 cash in DEPAULA bedroom. Police also recovered the stolen computer. DEPAULA was placed under arrest and charged with possession class B/cocaine with intent to distribute and receiving stolen property over \$250. He was held overnight at Barnstable Police Department on those charges and will be arraigned in Barnstable District Court today. ICE Officials are continuing their investigation relative to his immigration status and the criminal charges in Brazil.

Also located inside the residence was Claudinei Paula De Souza, age 36, of 43 Spring St, Hyannis. DE SOUZA was taken into custody on an ICE warrant. DE SOUZA had reportedly already had been deported back to Brazil previously. He is now suspected of reentering the United States illegally a second time. DE SOUZA was also booked at the BPD and turned over to ICE Officials.

For any media member requesting additional information and/or questions regarding this press release please contact Det Lt John Murphy @ (508) 778-3852 or e-mail address murphyj@barnstablepolice.com. Arrests photos are attached to the press release.