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Press Release

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On 8/1/12 at approx. 6pm, Detectives from Barnstable and Yarmouth Police were conducting surveillance on an unrelated criminal investigation in the area of St. Francis Cir. in Hyannis. Shortly thereafter, Det. Lt. Balcom observed a drug transaction occur in a gray Ford that had been suspiciously circling the neighborhood. The vehicle was then stopped by detectives, and a search of the car and its' occupants was conducted. Detectives then recovered 9 capsules of ecstasy that they had observed Justin Moreira attempt to hide prior to the car stop. Upon further investigation, the 19 year old Moreira of 24 St. Francis Cir. was subsequently arrested for Possession of Class B (Ecstasy) with intent to distribute. Moreira is known to police and currently has an open Barnstable Superior Court case for Possession with Intent to Distribute Class A, B, C, and E drugs.

Based on the above arrest, Det. Lt. Balcom obtained a search warrant for Moreira's residence. Upon executing the search warrant at Moreira's home, detectives located a multitude of drugs including baggies of powdered Ketamine and Ecstasy, and over 90 oxycontin pills that were illegally possessed by Moreira. In addition, Detectives seized over \$30,000 in U.S. currency and various other items including a digital scale and clear gelatin capsules used for drug distribution. Moreira was additionally charged with Possession of Class A with intent to distribute, 3 counts of Possession of Class B with intent to distribute, and 2 counts of Possession of Class E with intent to distribute. Moreira was arraigned in Barnstable District Court this afternoon and was ordered held on \$25,000 bail.

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