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Centerville Woman Arrested Attempting to Distribute Drugs Inside the Courthouse

On 05/01/2013, Members of the Barnstable Street Crime Unit (SCU), Barnstable County Sheriff's Office Special Operations (BCSO SPO), and Barnstable District Court Officers opened an investigation involving female distributing narcotics inside Barnstable District Court. The investigation was initiated by BCSO SPO Deputy Kevin Fernandes and SCU Deputy Kim Saladino. SALADINO and FERNANDES developed information about the drug distribution plot. The female, identified as Samantha Best, age 27, of Centerville was distributing prescription narcotics to a prisoner in the custody of BCSO. BEST would come to the courthouse when the prisoner was scheduled for a court appearance. BEST would then facilitate the distribution of the drugs to the prisoner. He would bring the drugs back to the Barnstable House of Correction for his own personal use and in some cases provide them to other prisoners. The prisoner's name, relationship to BEST, and method of distribution is being withheld at this point because the investigation is still ongoing

On 05/10/2013, Members of the SCU and BCSO SPO initiated a surveillance of BEST. BEST was followed from her residence to the Barnstable District Court. While inside the courthouse BEST continued to be watched. At one point BEST attempted to distribute a plastic bag that contained thirteen (13) pills inside the court house to the prisoner. This attempt was captured on video by Barnstable Detective John York. As part of this investigation YORK had set up video/no audio surveillance inside the courthouse. BEST was briefly detained while she tried to exit the courthouse. The recovered narcotics were identified as 1 Suboxone, 4 Clonazepam, and 8 Seroquel. BEST was placed under arrest and charged with possession with intent to distribute class B, class C, and class E narcotics. She was transported to the Barnstable Police Department and booked. BEST was then brought back to Barnstable District Court to be arraigned. She was held on a \$10,000 cash bail and is currently at the Barnstable House of Correction.

The investigation is still ongoing. Additional charges may be filed against BEST and the prisoner as the case unfolds.

Attached to this release is an arrest photograph. If you have any questions relating to this release please contact Lt John Murphy, Barnstable Street Crime Unit at MurphyJ@barnstablepolice.com



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