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Barnstable Police Department Press Release
March 31st, 2012
SCU members arrest subject for the 4th time in 8 months.

On 03/30/2012, Members of the Barnstable Street Crime Unit (SCU) Barnstable Police Officer Peter Ginnetty and Deputy Sheriff Saladino were assigned to patrol the downtown area of Hyannis. SCU utilizes unmarked police vehicles and its member dress in "plain clothes". One of their primary duties is to suppress and deter gang activity, crimes of violence, disorderly conduct, and "open air" narcotics activity in the Towns of Hyannis and Yarmouth.

On this date, at approximately 11:30pm, GINNETTY and SALADINO were in a Main Street parking lot. They observed what they suspected to be narcotics activity taking place involving a subject identified as Marlon L Johnson, age 22, of Hyannis. JOHNSON is very well known to the SCU, Barnstable PD, and area Law Enforcement. He has been arrested by SCU three (3) times since July 9th, 2011. Two (2) of those arrests were for narcotic related offenses. The third was a larceny of property over \$250.00. The larceny charge has since been dismissed because the victim failed to cooperate. The two (2) other drug charges are still pending in Barnstable District Court. On this date, SCU members next observed JOHNSON enter the passenger side of a vehicle. Upon JOHNSON entering, the vehicle immediately drove off. GINNETTY and SALADINO stopped the vehicle on Pine Avenue, Hyannis. They conducted a follow up investigation. JOHNSON was found in possession of approximately one (1) gram of "crack" cocaine by SALADINO.

He was placed under arrest and charged with possession of class B/cocaine subsequent offense. JOHNSON has previous class B narcotics convictions. If convicted in this case he will be subject to an enhanced penalty. This arrest in fact is JOHNSON's second this month and fifth since July 2011. On 03/04/2012, JOHNSON was arrested by Barnstable PD Patrol Officer Christopher Botsford and Eugene Desruisseaux. He had been found in possession of 18 oycodone pills in Hyannis. JOHNSON will now have four (4) narcotics cases pending in Barnstable District Court. Subject's like JOHNSON and other habitual narcotics and/or violent offenders have been a primary focus of the SCU.

Following this arrest, JOHNSON was transported to Barnstable PD and booked. He is currently being held on a \$5000.00 cash bail. JOHNSON will be arraigned in Barnstable District Court Monday morning.

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



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