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## PRESS RELEASE

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After a month long investigation by Barnstable Narcotics Detectives a search warrant was issued for 1012 Old Stage Rd. Centerville. The target of the investigation, David Gonsalves, is currently out on bail on a Superior Court Case involving a search warrant at the same address in January of 2011 in which he was charged with illegally possessing a firearm and trafficking in oxycodone. Because Gonsalves criminal past included additional firearms violations, the Cape Cod Swat Team was called upon to assist in serving the warrant.

At approx. 9 PM on 5/23/12 members of the Swat Team made entrance into the residence, where Gonsalves had attempted to barricade the door with a wooden reinforcement commonly used by criminals to delay police entrance. As the team entered the residence, Gonsalves tried to flee from the living room into his bedroom, however, he was apprehended and handcuffed. Another resident present when the search warrant was executed informed the SWAT officers that Gonsalves had built the barricade device after the last search warrant at the residence.

During a search of Gonsalves bedroom, Det. Brian Guiney located a black Sentry safe containing approx. 20 grams of cocaine. Guiney also located 5 grams of heroin, 40 Klonopin and 48 Mehtadone tablets, six suboxone tablets and assorted paraphernalia including plastic baggies and a digital scale used in the distribution of narcotics. Det. Chevalier located \$5500 in cash hidden under Gonsalves' bed.

Gonsalves was charged with Trafficking Cocaine (14-28 grams), and Possession Heroin, Methadone, Suboxone, and Klonopin with Intent to Distribute.



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In addition, Sam Pratt of Hyannis was seen leaving the house in a vehicle immediately prior to the search warrant being executed. Pratt's vehicle was stopped a short distance away by the Barnstable Street Crimes Unit and Pratt was found to be in possession of cocaine individually packaged for distribution. Pratt was subsequently arrested and charged with Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute.



Pratt, Sam



Gonsalves, David