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On November 20, 2009 Wareham Police Detectives, along with the midnight shift Patrol Division arrested 22 year old Joshua Fernandes of 2798 Cranberry Highway during an early morning raid at that address. Mr. Fernandes and his residence had been under surveillance for some time by Wareham Police detectives.

After executing a search warrant, police found a considerable amount of illegal drugs that were hidden in various locations throughout the residence. Assisting in the search was K-9 "Morgan" and his handler from the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office.

Fernandes was placed under arrest and charged with Trafficking Cocaine over 28 grams, Possession of Class B Percocet, and Possession of Class C Suboxone. He was booked at the Wareham Police Station then transported to Wareham 4th District Court for arraignment.

This is the second major drug arrest by Wareham police in less than a week. On Monday, Nov. 16, 2009 detectives and evening shift patrolman shut down a drug distribution operation at 206 Park Ave. in East Wareham. Arrested and charged with possession of Class B Cocaine and Possession of Class B Cocaine with intent to distribute were 42 year old Ralph D'Agostino and 42 year old Melissa Mears who reside at that address. Additionally, 26 year old Michael Miranda of 659 Mill St. Marion, Ma was arrested on the same charges when he drove up in his vehicle.

David Dankers, who was present in the home was arrested and charged with possession of Class C Suboxone and possession of a double-edged switchblade knife. He is 23years old and lives at 44 Sunset Blvd. in East Wareham.

All of the parties who were arrested in these incidents are well known to the Wareham Police and have substantial criminal histories. Chief Richard Stanley commended all of the officers who were involved in the arrests of these dangerous felons. "The citizens of Wareham can be confident that drug dealing in this town will not be tolerated", remarked Chief Stanley.

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