



NEWS RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE
STATEWIDE NARCOTICS TASK FORCE - EASTERN DIVISION



Members of the Statewide Narcotics Task Force – Eastern Field Office conducted a joint narcotic investigation with members of the Putnam Police Department and the Webster Massachusetts Police Department.

This investigation was a several month investigation involving the sales and supply of crack cocaine ongoing within the Putnam and Danielson area. The investigation resulted in members of SNTF-East obtaining search warrants for the residence of Jose Garcia at 63 Woodstock Avenue, Apt#5 in Putnam and Ramon Garcia of 490 Hartford Pike, Apt#6 in Dayville, Connecticut. In addition to the search warrants, SNTF-East members also obtained arrest warrants for Jose and Ramon Garcia for multiple counts of cocaine sales. This investigation was supported by a HIDTA initiative.

On March 16, 2004 at approximately 1:15 p.m. Jose Garcia was taken into custody in the area of South Main Street/Grove Street in Putnam and found to be in possession of approximately one half ounce of crack cocaine and a small amount of marijuana. A subsequent execution of the search warrant of his residence resulted in the additional seizure of approximately 200 grams of crack cocaine and over \$2,000 in cash.

In a continuation of this investigation, police members from SNTF-East and Connecticut State Police Troop D simultaneously executed the search warrant on the residence of Ramon Garcia seizing an additional ¼ ounce of crack cocaine, a small amount of marijuana, and over \$5,000 in cash.

Police estimate the value of drugs seized to exceed \$20,000 and within this investigation, 2 vehicles were also seized.

Arrested:

Jose M. Garcia Jr. Age(21)
63 Woodstock Avenue, Apt#5
Putnam, CT

Charges: Sale of Cocaine (6 counts on Arrest Warrant)
Conspiracy to Sale Cocaine (1 count on Arrest Warrant)
Bond: \$250,000 court set.

Charges: Operating a Drug Factory
Possession of Cocaine With Intent to Sell
Sale of Cocaine W/I 1,500 Ft of School
Possession of Cocaine
Possession of over ½ gram Crack Cocaine
Bond: \$250,000 cash

Ramon Garcia Age(26)
490 Hartford Pike, Apt#6
Dayville, CT

Charges: Sale of Cocaine (4 counts on Arrest Warrant)
Conspiracy to Sale of Cocaine (1 count on Arrest Warrant)
Bond: \$50,000 court set.

Charges: Possession of Cocaine With Intent to Sell
Possession of Cocaine
Possession of over ½ gram Crack Cocaine
Bond: \$50,000 cash

Court: Both of the above accused were held at Troop D pending arraignment in court at GA#11 in Danielson.

Diana Kilburn Age (19)
23 Church Road
Eastford, CT

Charges: Possession of Marijuana
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Bond: \$1,000 non-surety bond.

Court: Released from police custody pending court arraignment at GA#11 in Danielson on April 6th, 2004.

Anyone with information pertaining to illicit drug activity is asked to contact the Statewide Narcotics Task Force -- Eastern Division at (860) 886-7578. All calls will remain confidential.