

Crack cocaine cracked by WayneNet in Newark

Dubbed "Operation Care Bear", four arrests follow 3 month investigation of drug sales

On Thursday, members of Wayne NET, Ontario County Sheriffs Office Narcotics Unit and the New York State Police, culminated a three-month investigation with the execution of two search warrants and five arrests in Newark. The investigation was dubbed "Operation Care Bear", which represented the proclaimed nickname of one of the main individuals arrested. This multi-agency effort addressed crack cocaine trafficking that impacted several Wayne and Ontario County communities.

The following people were arrested:



Kerry A. "Care Bear" Orwen, age 33, of 801 801 Church Street in Newark, charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd, a class B felony



Tamarah L. Ippolito, age 48, of 108 Vienna Rd Lot 33 Vienna Estates in Newark charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd, a class B felony.



Ashley L. Feliciano, age 31, of 801 Church Street in Newark, charged with Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a class A misdemeanor.



Tomas Marcano, age 39, of 108 Vienna Rd Lot 33 Vienna Estates, Newark charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th, a class A misdemeanor.



George D. Brown, age 21 of 801 Church St., Newark, found in the residence, was arrested on a Bench Warrant for Criminal Mischief 4th degree, a class A misdemeanor. That case stems from his failure to reappear in court recently for sentencing

All five persons were arraigned by Village of Newark Justice/Town of Arcadia Judge Daniel Barrett, and remanded to the Wayne County Jail. Orwen and Ippolito's bail amounts were set at \$20,000 cash/\$40,000 bond. Feliciano and Marcano's bail amounts were set as \$1000 cash bail/\$2,000 bond. Brown's bail was set at \$5000 cash bail/\$10,000 bond. Orwen, Ippolito, Feliciano, and Brown are due back in court April 18th. Marcano is due back in court on the 25th.

WayneNet and Ontario County Sheriff's Office members anticipate arresting more individuals that were part of the "Care Bear" organization as well as lodge additional charges against those already arrested.

During the arrest processing the defendants indicated that they were "glad it's over" and the arrests were a motivator to end the cycle of crack cocaine use and making money illegally.

Chief Bogan, Commander of WayneNET stated, "Once again we have demonstrated that our multi-agency cooperative efforts are vital against the illegal narcotics trade. The sharing of resources and information is certainly making a positive impact on our respective communities. This case, in particular, got off the ground due to many citizens from several of our communities utilizing our website, WayneNet.info, and making phone calls to our agencies which provided valuable tips. Our hats are off to those citizens."

During the two search warrants police seized \$690 cash, several cell phones, marijuana, approximately 5.5 grams of crack cocaine, two vehicles, a 2000 Toyota Taccoma and a 1994 Pontiac Bonneville, a camera surveillance system, and many items of paraphernalia used in illegal narcotics trafficking and usage.

Records indicate only Feliciano was currently employed at a local convenience store, all the rest were unemployed. Ippolito has two prior felony convictions.