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NEWS RELEASE

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Hartford Police Shutdown 2 Drug Factories

Hartford – On June 18, 2009 at approximately 2:30 p.m., Detectives from the Hartford Police Department's Intelligence and Major Crimes Divisions were in the area of 19/21 Vineland Terrace conducting a follow-up investigation on an un-related incident. As the detectives knocked on the doors at 19/21 Vineland Terrace, several individuals began running out the doors of both the 1st and 2nd floor apartments in different directions. As they fled they left the doors ajar allowing the detectives to observe evidence of illegal marijuana and narcotics activity in of both apartments. The detectives detained four of the fleeing individuals, secured the apartments, and obtained search warrants for both apartments.

After obtaining the search warrants, detectives from the Intelligence Division with assistance from detectives of the Major Crimes Division and officers from the Northeast Conditions Unit executed the search warrants.

Approximately 22 pounds of marijuana with a street value of approximately \$ 70,000.00 to \$80,000.00, over \$5,800.00 in US currency and other drug paraphernalia was seized from the 1st floor apartment. Approximately 2400 grams of crack cocaine with a street value of approximately \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00, marijuana and other drug paraphernalia was seized from the 2nd floor apartment. Pictured below are some of the illegal items seized from the two apartments.

The following three individuals were arrested for the illegal activity relative to the 1st floor apartment:

Kanda Thompson (01/08/78) of 50 Forrest St. who was charged with Interfering with Police, Possession of a Controlled Substance greater than 1 kilogram, Possession With Intent to Sell a Controlled Substance, Possession With Intent to Sell within 1500 feet of a School and Drug Factory. A \$150,000.00 bond was ordered.

Garth Lennon (11/02/70) of 19 Vineland Terrace, who and was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance greater than 1 kilogram, Possession With Intent to Sell a Controlled Substance, Possession With Intent to Sell within 1500 feet of a School and Drug Factory. A \$150,000.00 bond was ordered.

Leonardo Johnson (11/03/84) of 942 East 38th Street, Brooklyn, NY who was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance greater than 1 kilogram, Possession With Intent to Sell a Controlled Substance, Possession With Intent to Sell within 1500 feet of a School and Drug Factory. A \$150,000.00 bond was ordered.

Terrell Hunter (12/10/81) of 421 Allen Street, New Britain, CT was arrested for the illegal narcotics relative to the 2nd floor apartment. He was charged with Possession of Narcotics greater than 1 ounce, Possession with Intent to Sell Narcotics, Possession with Intent to Sell within 1500 feet of a School and Drug Factory. A \$390,000.00 bond was ordered.



Crack cocaine and other drug paraphernalia seized from 19/21 Vineland Terrace



Marijuana & drug packaging material seized from 19/21 Vineland Terrace

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