

PRESS RELEASE

BEVERLY DETECTIVES SEIZE LARGE QUANTITY OF ECSTASY

On Thursday June 24, 2010, Beverly Detectives arrested four people, 2 of which are Asian gang members, on Ecstasy and Heroin charges at the Burger King rest stop on Route 128 North. Detectives received very specific information that a Caucasian female and a Asian male would be conducting a drug transaction at approximately 8:45 p.m. at the Burger King rest stop. Beverly Detectives Sgt. Michael Cassola and Thomas Nolan along with Wenham Detective Sgt. Mark Fraser, Peabody Detective Eric Ricci and Ipswich Detective Edward Gallivan set up surveillance in the area. A short time later Detectives observed a blue colored Chevy Malibu, being driven by Kayley Bertolino, 125 Maplewood Drive Gloucester MA, and an Asian male, later identified as David Oth, 17 Magnolia Terrace Peabody MA, in the passenger seat. In the rear passenger area of the Chevy was a third male party, later identified as Joseph Asaro, 35 Fuller Street Magnolia MA. Detectives observed a lot of interaction between the three parties. They also observed a second vehicle, a silver Toyota, parked a short distance away with a Asian male in the driver's seat who appeared to be watching the blue Chevy. Detectives believed the Toyota was involved in the possible drug transaction taking place inside the Chevy. Sgt. Cassola and Sgt. Fraser then approached the Chevy and immediately observed Oth tucking his left hand in between the passenger's seat and the center console area. Asaro was observed reaching down the front of his pants and also into his right pocket. All parties were removed from the vehicle and searched. Found on Oth was 41 orange colored pills believed to be MDMA (Ecstasy pills) with a New York Yankees symbol on them. (Approximate street value of over \$1,000) Oth also had 7 small plastic "twists" of a brown powdery substance believed to be Heroin on him as well. (Approximate street value of \$350). While searching Oth, Detectives observed several gang related tattoos on his body. ("Tiny Rascals Gang" – Mainly Asian gang, very violent, and operates out of Lynn MA). A search of Asaro turned up one bag of suspected Heroin. However, while being transported to the police

station, Asaro was observed moving around quite a bit in the rear of the cruiser. Asaro was removed from the cruiser and a search of the area where Asaro was seated turned up 4 orange colored pills, believed to be Ecstasy, with a New York Yankees symbol on them. A search of Bertolino turned up two hypodermic needles. It was also confirmed that Oth was transported to the rest stop in the Toyota, operated by Tony Somboun, 9 Neptune Street Lynn MA. Somboun was also arrested and admitted to being a member of the "Killer Crip Gangsters", also out of Lynn.

Oth is being charged with;

1. Possession with intent to distribute Class A – Heroin
2. Possession with intent to distribute Class B – MDMA (Ecstasy)
3. Conspiracy to violate drug laws

Somboun is being charged with;

1. Possession with intent to distribute Class A – Heroin
2. Possession with intent to distribute Class B – MDMA (Ecstasy)
3. Conspiracy to violate drug laws

Asaro is being charged with;

1. Possession of a Class B Substance – MDMA (Ecstasy)
2. Possession of a Class A Substance – Heroin (Subsequent offense)

Bertolino is being charged with Knowingly being present where Heroin is kept.