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Police Take-Down Drug Operation: Arrest Six and Seize Large Quantity of Narcotics:

CENTRAL FALLS – Members of the Central Falls Police Department’s Special Investigative Unit (SIU), Trooper James D’Angelo of the Rhode Island State Police K9 Unit executed search warrants yesterday at 40/42 Fletcher Street and 141 Washington Street, seizing large amounts of cocaine with a street value of approximately \$20,000. Also located were digital scales, packaging materials, US currency, and multiple cellular phones.

During their investigation, members of the SIU discovered that the targets of their investigation were manufacturing and distributing narcotics from both addresses. They were also using these two locations to store any proceeds obtained through their illegal activity.

During the execution of the both search warrants, the following individuals were arrested and charged with Manufacturing with Intent to Deliver Cocaine 1oz-1Kilo; Controlled Substance Conspiracy; Distribution of a Controlled Substance Near a School Zone; and Maintaining a Common Nuisance: Paul Washburn (27), Latoya Velez (29), John DeJesus (31), Juan DeJesus (28), Gary Hernandez (32), and Luis Arocho (24).

All subjects were held overnight at police headquarters and arraigned this morning at 6th District Court in Providence. Latoya Velez was provided bail of \$5000.00 with surety. All other subjects will be held without bail as a Superior Court Violators.

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