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Central Falls Police Execute Search Warrant; Arrest Male on Narcotics Charges:

CENTRAL FALLS – Members of the Central Falls Police Special Investigative Unit (SIU) and Detective Bureau, executed a search warrant this morning at 119 Lincoln Avenue; as a result, crack cocaine and marijuana were located and subsequently seized.

The target of the investigation, Richard Santiago (32), was placed into custody and later brought to 6th District Court to face charges of Possession of Crack Cocaine with Intent to Distribute and Distributing a Controlled Substance near a School Zone.

In addition, Santiago was charged with possessing less than one ounce of marijuana, formerly a misdemeanor offense, but due to the recent change in state law was issued a summons to appear before the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal on the violation.

The Special Investigative Unit launched a probe into this location beginning the last week of March after receiving numerous complaints from concerned citizens that there was an increase in foot traffic in their neighborhood.

In an attempt to resolve “quality of life” issues affecting the citizens of this area, SIU gathered information and sufficient evidence to obtain a court authorized search warrant for Santiago’s residence. He was subsequently ordered held without bail and deemed a superior court violator on previous felony narcotics related offenses.

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