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**THREE PEOPLE FACING FENTANYL CHARGES IN BROCKTON**  
*One Defendant Out On Home Confinement, Trafficking Drugs From Home*

**BROCKTON** – Three people are facing narcotics charges after a Massachusetts State Police investigation into the sale of Fentanyl in the city of Brockton, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

After an investigation, State Police detectives identified 20 year-old Edmund Kelsey Jr., also known as “DJ,” as a person believed to be trafficking large amounts of Fentanyl out of Kelsey’s residence at 47 Westfield Drive in Brockton. Kelsey, who, was out on \$30,000 cash bail on two open drug and firearm cases in Plymouth County, had a condition of release that he remain under house arrest and home confinement and to wear a GPS monitoring bracelet.

Based on the investigation, State Police sought and obtained an arrest warrant for Kelsey and a no-knock search warrant for his home at #47 Westfield Drive. This past Tuesday at approximately 11:20 p.m., State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office, Massachusetts State Police Gang Unit, MSP K-9 Unit, MSP Community Action Team, MSP STOP Team, and Brockton Police Department Detectives executed the no-knock search warrant without incident.

Police observed Amanda Baptista, 20, parked in a white vehicle in the driveway at 47 Westfield Drive. The vehicle was searched and under the front driver’s seat, police found two plastic bag twists containing a white powdery substance suspected to be Fentanyl.

As a result of the execution of the search warrant at 47 Westfield Drive, State Police seized the following: 23 plastic bag twists containing a white powdery substance suspected to be Fentanyl, \$3,700 in cash, scales, cell phones and drug trafficking paraphernalia. The total approximate weight of the suspected Fentanyl was over 100 grams. As a result, Kelsey, Baptista and Kyle Best, 20, of Abington, were placed under arrest.

Yesterday, Kelsey was arraigned in Brockton District Court and charged with Conspiracy to Violate the Controlled Substance Act and Trafficking Fentanyl Over 100 Grams. The Commonwealth moved to have Kelsey held without bail pending the outcome of a dangerousness hearing scheduled for Monday.

Best was also arraigned yesterday and charged with one count of Trafficking a Class A Substance, Fentanyl, Possession with Intent to Distribute Class A, Fentanyl, and Conspiracy to Violate the Controlled Substance Act. The Commonwealth requested that Best be held on \$50,000 cash bail. Judge Michael Vitali set bail at \$20,000 and allowed the Commonwealth's Motion to Revoke Bail.

Baptista will be summonsed for arraignment on July 29 on one count of Possession of a Class A Substance, Fentanyl.

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