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To: All Media Outlets

From: Deputy Chief Michael Shaw

Date: July 25, 2018

RE: Large Narcotic Seizure

On July 23rd at approximately 1945 hours, Officer Sean Ebbeling was travelling on East Main Street when he observed a car speeding past him at approximately 45 miles per hour in the opposite direction. He stopped the car and approached the driver, Luis Vega, 27 from 103 Elm Street #1, Southbridge, for his license and registration.

After retrieving them from Vega, returning to his cruiser and running the appropriate queries, he returned to speak with Vega where he, along with Officer Bruce Hamm, observed Vega trying to throw what appeared to be white bag containing a powdery substance into the open glove compartment. It was believed this may have been cocaine.

At this time Officers Ebbeling and Hamm conducted an investigation into what Vega was trying to hide in the glovebox. Upon retrieving the bag from the glove box, two other larger baseball sized bags were also found containing a white powder which were believed to be cocaine.

Vega was then placed under arrest and was also found to be in the possession of \$689.00. The cocaine weighed in at a little over 240 grams. The street value is believed to be around \$7500.00.

Vega told police that while he was in the drive thru lane at Burger King on East Main Street, the car in front of him dropped the powdery substance out onto the street, so he picked it up.

Vega was transported to the Webster Police Department where he was charged with
Speeding
Trafficking in Cocaine over 100 grams

His bail was set at \$10,040. He was arraigned at Dudley District Court on July 24th.

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