



Cortland Police Department



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TWO UNRELATED DRUG INVESTIGATIONS

On May 9th 2014 at approximately 2:30 PM the Cortland Police Department, with the assistance of the Cortland County Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at 56 Owego Street, apartment #3 in the City of Cortland. The Cortland Police Department's Tactical Respond Unit and K-9 Unit were utilized during the execution of the search warrant. During the search the following evidence was collected;

- 1) A quantity of marihuana, which had an aggregate weight in excess of two ounces.
- 2) A quantity of 3,4 Methylenedioxy-Methylamphetamine (MDMA, commonly referred to as Molly), weighing greater than one gram.
- 3) A quantity of cocaine, which will be sent to the New York State Police Laboratory to determine the exact weight.
- 4) A quantity of Alprazolam, which will be sent to the New York State Police Laboratory To determine the exact weight.
- 5) Drug Paraphernalia, which consisted of vacuum sealer bags, a vacuum sealer and electronic scale
- 6) Four hundred dollars in United State Currency.

As a result of the investigation Anthony M. Rodriguez, age 22 of 56 Owego Street, apartment #3 was charged with the following;

- 1) Criminal Possession of Marihuana in the Fourth Degree, Class A Misdemeanor.
- 2) Two counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the Second degree, Class A Misdemeanor.
- 3) Two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree Class B felony.
- 4) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree, Class A Misdemeanor.

Mr. Rodriguez was arraigned and remanded to the Cortland County Correctional Facility on \$50,000 cash bail or 100,000 bond and is to appear in Cortland City Court on May 14th 2014.

On May 13th 2014 at approximately 11:30 AM Officers of the Cortland Police Department conducted a traffic stop on Port Watson Street in the City of Cortland, which involved a Cortland City Taxi. Officers were attempting to locate a person wanted by the New York City Police Department. The taxi cab was stopped because officers received a tip the wanted person may have been in the taxi cab. During the traffic stop officers discovered two individuals inside the vehicle were in possession of 129 individually wrapped packets of heroin and numerous hypodermic syringes. As a result Zyhd D. Marks, age 18 , homeless and Leonel A. Evans, age 22, homeless were arrested on the following charges;

- 1) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the third degree, Class B felony**
- 2) Criminally Possessing a Hypodermic Instrument, Class A Misdemeanor**

Three hundred twenty four dollars and seventy three cents was also confiscated during the investigation.

Mr. Marks and Mr. Evans were arraigned and remanded to the Cortland County Correctional Facility with no bail and are to appear in Cortland City Court on May 14th 2014.

The investigations are not related and both investigations are continuing.



Evans



Marks



Rodriguez