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## Press Release

### Norfolk County Sheriff's Office Prevents Drug Smuggling Attempt

#### Two charged with conspiracy after investigators confiscate illegal substances

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Investigators from the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office have stopped a shipment of Suboxone strips worth \$18,000 from being smuggled into the jail, triggering charges against two detainees.

"Keeping drugs out of the jail is vital to the safety and security of both the men incarcerated there and those charged with keeping them safe while in custody," said District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey. "The introduction of contraband – particularly drugs – creates conflicts and dangerous situations between prisoners. The Sheriff's investigative services officers continue to do good work preventing that."

Sheriff's Office investigators allegedly developed information that 25-year old Giovanni Bautista, of Boston, who was being held on bail while under indictment from Norfolk Superior Court, in a separate drug case, was coordinating with a friend who was free while facing charges out of Quincy District Court. Investigators came to believe that David Good, 46, of Quincy, who was scheduled to enter guilty pleas and be sentenced on outstanding larceny charges on Feb. 4 would attempt to smuggle Suboxone, a type of opiate, into the jail as he came from court.

Investigators believed that Good would use a smuggling technique referred to as body packing, in which a person seals drugs in wax, latex or other substance which cannot be digested and then swallows that package for later retrieval. Sheriff's Office investigators allege that Good was isolated in a cell upon arrival at the jail, and observed him produce packages the following day including more than 60 Suboxone strips.

Morrissey said that Good and Bautista had been charged with the same three violations: Delivery of drugs to a prisoner; Possession of a class B substance with intent to distribute; Conspiracy to violate the drug laws.

Both men entered pleas of not guilty at their Dedham District Court arraignment yesterday (February 25, 2019). Both are due back April 3, 2019 for probable cause hearings. The Court imposed a \$10,000 cash bail on Good, who is still serving his Quincy District Court sentence. The Court revoked Bautista's bail on his open Superior Court case, which he had not yet posted, ordering him held without bail on that matter, and imposed an additional \$5,000 bail on the new charges.

"We very much appreciate the continued cooperation and partnership of the men and women of the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office," District Attorney Morrissey said.

"I appreciate the outstanding work of District Attorney Morrissey and his office," said Sheriff Jerome P. McDermott. "Our collaborative efforts have not only stopped drugs from being smuggled into the jail, but has also sent a strong message to the inmates that these actions will not be tolerated and they and their accomplices will be prosecuted."

*Pending charges represent accusations; all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt under the United States Constitution*