



NEW BRUNSWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## Drug Investigation Results in 11 Arrests

On Thursday, September 16, 2021, detectives from the New Brunswick Police Department along with investigators from the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, Office of Homeland Security and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) conducted Superior Court approved search warrants at five (5) New Brunswick residences. These search warrants were the culmination of a long-term narcotics investigation spanning the last several months. The warrants included addresses on Wright Place, Guilden Street, Handy Street, Joyce Kilmer Avenue and Reservoir Avenue.

As a result of the investigation eleven (11) individuals were arrested and charged with related narcotic and weapons offenses. Additionally, a significant amount of suspected heroin, cocaine and drug related contraband and paraphernalia was recovered from the addresses along with two (2) firearms, ammunition and monies believed to be associated with the sales of illegal narcotics.

Arrested and charged:

### **Rashaan Paige, age 39, New Brunswick**

- 3 counts of endangering the welfare of a child
- Possession with intent to distribute heroin
- Possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine
- Possession with intent to distribute heroin in an amount greater than 5 ounces
- Possession with intent to distribute drug paraphernalia
- Possession with intent to distribute within 500 feet of certain public property
- Conspiracy to agree/engage in conduct that would constitute a crime
- Poss. of a weapon, specifically a sub-machine gun, while committing a CDS offense
- Possession of a weapon, specifically a handgun, while committing a CDS offense

**Jamil Walker, age 31, New Brunswick**

Possession of hollow point ammunition  
Unlawful possession of a weapon, specifically a sub-machine gun  
Unlawful possession of a handgun  
2 counts of possession of a large capacity magazine  
Receiving stolen property, specifically a handgun  
Possession with intent to distribute heroin  
Possession with intent to distribute cocaine  
2 counts of possession with intent to distribute CDS within 1000 feet of a school  
2 counts of possession with intent to distribute within 500 feet of certain public property  
Conspiracy to distribute a controlled dangerous substance  
2 counts of certain persons, having previously been convicted, not to possess weapons

**Erica Simmons, age 38, New Brunswick**

3 counts of endangering the welfare of a child  
Possession with intent to distribute heroin in an amount greater than 5 ounces  
Possession with intent to distribute drug paraphernalia

**Tatiana Valdez, age 29, Franklin Twp.**

Possession with intent to distribute heroin  
Possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine

**Zakiyah McLeod, age 23, North Brunswick**

Possession with intent to distribute heroin  
Financial facilitation, money laundering  
Endangering the welfare of a child

**Jeffrey Cespedes, age 27, Franklin Twp.**

Possession of cocaine  
Possession of heroin  
Possession of crack-cocaine

**Kiambu Porter, age 49, New Brunswick**

Possession of crack-cocaine  
Loitering to obtain or distribute a controlled dangerous substance

**Daniel Ricks, age 52, New Brunswick**

Possession of cocaine  
Possession of heroin  
Possession of crack-cocaine

**Jason Logan, age 23, New Brunswick**

Possession with intent to distribute heroin  
Financial facilitation, money laundering  
Endangering the welfare of a child  
Possession with intent to distribute CDS within 1000 feet of a school

**Dymarkis Walker, age 31, New Brunswick**

Possession with intent to distribute heroin

Financial facilitation, money laundering  
Possession with intent to distribute drug paraphernalia  
Hindering the apprehension of oneself

**Shamar Mooring, age 40, New Brunswick**

Arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant

The New Brunswick Police Department would like to thank all of our local, county, state and federal partners, whose collaborative efforts continue to uphold our mission of public safety and our commitment to the quality of life for all of our city residents.

As is the case with all criminal defendants, the charges against each of the above listed individuals are merely accusations and they are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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