Police Conduct Seaman Street Raids in Response to Shooting

On Tuesday, November 25, 2014 detectives from the New Brunswick Police Department and the Middlesex County Prosecutor’s Office executed search warrants at 289 and 291 Seaman Street. These raids were in response to an ongoing investigation of a shooting which occurred in front of those residences the evening prior.

On Monday, November 24, 2014 at approximately 4:15pm New Brunswick police officers responded to a shooting in front of 291 Seaman Street. Witnesses described a white Nissan speed away from the area when several shots rang out, and a black male wearing a gray sweatshirt carrying a handgun ran towards 289 and 291 Seaman Street. The investigation led the officers to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital where Brittney Holt (24 years of age from Trenton, NJ) was admitted with a gun-shot wound to her head. Ms. Holt was dropped off at the hospital by someone driving a white Nissan. The white Nissan then fled the area but was quickly located by New Brunswick police officers. The driver of the vehicle refused to cooperate with investigating detectives. Ms. Holt’s injury was non-life threatening.

The subsequent police investigation into the shooting led to the raids at 289 and 291 Seaman Street. The search of 289 Seaman Street led to eight (8) arrests and the seizure of approximately 1200 decks of heroin, $6500.00 in cash, and a large amount of drug paraphernalia consistent with the makings of a “heroin mill”, or a drug manufacturing facility. Arrested were:
- Derrick Fuqua (37 years of age from New Brunswick),
- Tyquan Fuqua (23 years of age from New Brunswick),
- Marion Darby (33 years of age from New Brunswick),
- Sandra Fuqua (50 years of age from New Brunswick),
- Hassan Fuqua (34 years of age from New Brunswick),
- Raquan Fuqua (32 years of age from New Brunswick),
Tyrone Fuqua (45 years of age from New Brunswick) and
William Cruise (57 years of age from New Brunswick)

All eight were charged with: Possession of Heroin, Possession with the Intent to Distribute Heroin, Possession of CDS in a School Zone, and Conspiracy To and Maintaining a Drug Manufacturing Facility.

The search of 291 Seaman Street led to the arrest of Vance Parker (28 years of age from New Brunswick) along with the seizure of a loaded handgun and approximately 155 decks of heroin. Vance Parker was charged with: Possession of Heroin, Possession with the Intent to Distribute Heroin, Possession of CDS in a School Zone, Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose, Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Possession of a Handgun during the Commission of a CDS Offense, and Certain Persons Not to Possess a Weapon. Vance Parker was also found to be in Violation of Parole from New York State.

A second vehicle (a 2005 blue Infinity) located the night of the shooting on Seaman Street, and believed to be involved in the incident was searched as well. The results of that search warrant recovered a “speed loader” (used to rapidly load a handgun with ammunition), a large amount of drug paraphernalia and two (2) military style bullet-resistant vests. A spent bullet, lodged in the window frame of the vehicle, was recovered as well.

Brittney Holt remains in stable condition and this investigation continues. Anyone with information regarding the shooting is asked to contact Detective Ray Quick at (732) 745-5217.

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