

ORANGE COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE



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District Attorney David Hoovler, Sheriff Carl E. DuBois and Acting-Chief Joseph Cortez, Announce the Arrest of Nine Subjects in the City of Newburgh, N.Y.

The City of Newburgh Police Department and the Orange County Drug Task Force charge one (1) defendant with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd Degree, eight (8) defendants with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree, and seven (7) defendants with Loitering 1st Degree.

City of Newburgh, NY - On June 22, 2017, the City of Newburgh Police Department and the Orange County Drug Task Force conducted a joint “Buyer Beware” operation. Police officers conducted surveillances in high drug trafficking areas in the City of Newburgh. Those who were observed engaging in apparent narcotics transactions were stopped by uniformed officers. Evidence recovered as a result of the stops included a Norinco 9mm semi-automatic hand gun, as well as crack cocaine, heroin, PCP, and marihuana.

Those charged in the “Buyer Beware” operation were:

- A C C R E D I T A T I O N S -



Nicholas M. Palm – age 23, of 80 Valley Ave., Newburgh, N.Y. 12550, who was charged with, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second degree and Unlawful Possession of Marihuana.



David M. Short –age 34, of 287 Union Center Road, Ulster Park, N.Y.12487, charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh degree and Loitering in the First degree.



Allison A. Duffy – age 25, of 3 Lauren Drive, Gardiner, N.Y. 12525, was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree and Loitering in the First degree.



Giavonni Torelli – age 52, of 84 Maple St., Newburgh, N.Y. 12550, was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance Seventh Degree and Loitering in the First Degree.



Isreal Beltran, Jr. – age 36, of 25 Herman Ave., Newburgh, N.Y. 12550, charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance Seventh Degree and Loitering in the First Degree.



Anthony T. Burton – age 46, of 76 Leroy Place, Newburgh, N.Y. 12550, was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance Seventh Degree and Loitering in the First Degree.



Michael Scott West – age 54, of 7 Walnut Lane, Milton, N.Y. 12547, was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance Seventh Degree.



Lionel B. Pittman, Jr. – age 27, of 95 New Hackensack Rd., Wappingers Falls, N.Y. 12591, was charged with three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance Seventh Degree and Loitering in the First Degree.



Nanette A. Olympia – age 55, of 39 Innes Ave., Newburgh, N.Y. 12550, was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree and Loitering in the First Degree.



“I applaud the cooperation in all of the law enforcement agencies involved in this operation,” said District Attorney David M. Hoovler. “I hope these arrests will serve as a wakeup call to those addicted to drugs and will induce them to get the help they need before something tragic occurs. City residents should not be subjected to drug traffickers and addicts destroying the quality of life in their communities.”

“Drugs are destroying our communities and killing our residents,” said Sheriff Carl E. DuBois. “Collaborative efforts between the Orange County Sheriff’s Office, the Orange County Drug Task Force, and the City of Newburgh Police Department are the most effective way to combat drug trafficking, protect city residents, and hopefully encouraging addicts to get help they need.”

“This operation was conducted as part of the City of Newburgh Gun Initiated Violence Elimination (GIVE) program,” said Acting City of Newburgh Police Chief Joseph Cortez. “Guns and illegal drugs are inseparable. I look forward to working with law enforcement partners such as the Orange County Drug Task Force, the Orange County District Attorney’s Office, and the Orange County Sheriff’s Office as we try and rid our streets of illegal guns and drugs.”

A criminal charge is merely an allegation by the police that a defendant has committed a violation of the criminal law, and it is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the State of New York's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.
