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STATE POLICE DETECTIVES ARREST PLYMOUTH MAN, SEIZE OXYCODONE PILLS HE ORDERED ON DARK WEB

PLYMOUTH – A man is scheduled to be arraigned today on various drug charges after an investigation that the man ordered trafficking amounts of Oxycodone pills over the dark web to be delivered to Plymouth, District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

Andrew King (DOB: 12/24/89) is scheduled to be arraigned today in Plymouth District Court on one count each of Trafficking Class A, Oxycodone, Possession of a Class A Controlled Substance, Subsequent Offense, Heroin, and Possession of a Class B Controlled Substance, Subsequent Offense, Suboxone and Subutex.

King was arrested late yesterday following an investigation that began in February by Massachusetts State Troopers assigned to the Commonwealth Interstate Narcotics Reduction Enforcement Team – South (CINRET). CINRET Detectives were contacted by Special Agents assigned to Homeland Security Investigations regarding a series of packages being ordered and sent to a residential address in Plymouth. Customs and Border Protections Officers had previously intercepted a suspicious package sent from the area of Medellin, Columbia, to 133 Bettencourt Road in Plymouth. Investigators found the suspicious package to contain 100, 40 mg Oxycodone pills weighing 22.2 grams. Further investigation identified a series of suspicious packages had been sent to that same Plymouth address since August, 2018.

As a result of this investigation, State Police sought and obtained a search warrant for 133 Bettencourt Road. Yesterday, Troopers assigned to CINRET – South worked with Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, Plymouth Police Department, Special Agents assigned to Homeland Security Investigations, and Customs and Border Protection Officers, to arrange a delivery of the package. At approximately 3:40 pm, an undercover State Police trooper made delivery of the DHL package to 133 Bettencourt Road. The package was accepted by King, who carried the package into his residence before officers executed their search warrant.

A search of the residence yielded the DHL package containing 100 Oxycodone pills. State Police additionally seized a quantity of Heroin, Suboxone and Subutex, a digital scale, a laptop computer and cell phones. King was placed under arrest and transported to Plymouth Police Department.

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