



TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

SUBJECT: Car Stop Yields One Pound of Marijuana

DATE/TIME: June 1st, 2016 at 4:52 pm

LOCATION: Deal Road

OFFICERS INVOLVED: Police Officer Zach Rhein

ACCUSED: Dante Dalssandro, age 20 from Blackwood, NJ
Jesse Puleo, age 20 from Blackwood, NJ

NARRATIVE:

On June 1st, 2016 Police Officer Zach Rhein was assigned to the “Click-it-or-Ticket” traffic enforcement detail. At approximately 4:52pm, Officer Rhein was monitoring traffic on Deal Road and observed the driver and passenger in a 2013 Chrysler 300 not wearing seatbelts. Officer Rhein subsequently stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as Dante Dalessandro and the passenger as Jesse Puleo. Further investigation revealed that Dalessandro had over a pound of raw marijuana within the vehicle and was unlawfully in possession of an expandable style baton. The passenger, Jesse Puleo was also found to be in possession of marijuana less than 50 grams. Both occupants were placed under arrest without incident and transported back to the station for further processing. The 2013 Chrysler 300 was seized under the state criminal forfeiture guidelines.

Dante Dalessandro was charged with: Possession of Marijuana over 50 grams, Possession with the Intent to Distribute Marijuana, Possession with the Intent to Distribute Marijuana within a School Zone, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (Expandable Baton), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and numerous traffic summonses. Jesse Puleo was charged with Possession of Marijuana under 50 grams and issued a summons for failing to wear his seatbelt. Both men were released on a criminal complaint summons pending a future court appearance.

NO PHOTOS OF ACCUSED ARE AVAILABLE

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