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WARRANT ARREST LEADS TO COCAINE TRAFFICKING CHARGES

At 9:53pm last evening, Officers from the Lowell Police Departments Gang Unit went to an address in the Centralville section of the city looking for a person who had multiple outstanding warrants for his arrest. Upon entering the home, the suspect was located, attempting to flee the residence to avoid arrest. Subsequent investigation revealed what is believed to be a significant cocaine distribution operation being operated by the suspect. A search of the arrestee's living area uncovered more than 80 grams of suspected Cocaine and \$15000.00 is cash along with scales, packaging materials and other paraphernalia commonly used for drug distribution. **Zachary Laporte, age 21 of Lowell was arrested and charged with Trafficking in Cocaine over 36 grams, Trafficking Cocaine in a School Zone, Warrant for Possession of a Class B Substance out of Lowell and a Default Warrant for Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon out of Chelmsford.** He will be arraigned this morning in Lowell District Court.

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