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Plainfield Resident Arrested on Drug Charges

According to Somerset County Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano, Antionne Raheem Chrisp, 32, of Plainfield, N.J., was arrested at 12:56 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2009, on drug charges that initiated from a traffic stop in North Plainfield, N.J. by officers from his agency.

Sheriff's Officers Thomas Carlucci and Edward Edgar stopped Chrisp for numerous traffic violations while he was operating a 1998 Dodge Avenger on Green Brook Road in North Plainfield, the Sheriff said. A knife was observed by the officers on the floor of the vehicle and subsequently Chrisp was frisked for weapons.

The search found a quantity of suspected Ecstasy that was wrapped in plastic cellophane in Chrisp's front pants pocket, as well as an electronic tracking bracelet on his ankle, according to the Sheriff. The officers attempted to gain consent to search the vehicle but Chrisp refused.

Meanwhile, detectives from the Sheriff's Office were summoned to investigate the matter further. An on-site field test concluded positive for Ecstasy. The detectives then performed a background check and discovered that Chrisp was on the New Jersey State Parole Electronic Tracking program. Chrisp was required to wear an ankle bracelet after being paroled from Northern State Prison on July 16, 2009, for previous drug and weapons offenses. Sheriff Provenzano said the Detective Unit revealed other motor-vehicle warrants for Chrisp totaling \$1,800.

The Sheriff's K-9 Unit was dispatched to conduct an exterior "sniff" of the Dodge Avenger at the location of the stop in North Plainfield. The K-9 Unit indicated the presence of drugs, and the Sheriff's detectives obtained a warrant to search the vehicle. An examination of the car yielded suspected crack cocaine in the center consol of the Dodge Avenger, the Sheriff reported.

Chrisp was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle and driving while suspended, along with other motor vehicle violations, Sheriff Provenzano said.

Chrisp was later lodged in the Somerset County Jail without bail awaiting a court date. In addition, Chrisp is being detained on the outstanding warrants from North Plainfield and Mountainside.

The street value of the seized Ecstasy and cocaine is \$600, according to authorities.

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