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Waterloo for Bonaparte: Police Say Stamford Man Caught with Pot, Pills, Some Apparently for Sale

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A 24-year-old man, according to Darien police, had a slew of packages of marijuana along with some other drugs with him while driving without a front license plate, with a back license plate for a different car, with a driver's license under suspension, and with no insurance on the car — which was without a current registration.

Police described what happened with this account, including accusations not proven in court:

At 5:05 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5, a gray Nissan Altima was going west on the Post Road in Darien near the southbound entrance at the Exit 13 interchange to Interstate 95 , a police officer on patrol noticed the car.

Specifically, the officer noticed the lack of a front plate, checked state records for the license on the back, and then had the suspicious vehicle pull over.

The record check showed that the license plate belonged to a green Saturn LS2.

In talking with the driver, Shyheim Bonaparte of High Ridge Road, Stamford, the the officer noticed that he appeared extremely nervous, even answering routine questions. Bonaparte said he had just bought the vehicle in June. (That would be three or four months ago.)

Bonaparte admitted that he hadn't registered the vehicle, and he was using a friend's license plate. He also said that he doesn't have a driver's license. He couldn't provide the officer proof of having any car insurance.

The records check also showed that Bonaparte's driving privileges had been suspended in Connecticut as of April 31.

The officer had Bonaparte step out of the vehicle and arrested him.

Police dog K-9 Kenny was brought in and made a "free-air sniff" of the exterior of the car. Kenny alerted police that he smelled narcotics.

Police searched the car and found:

—A plastic baggie on the floor, on the passenger's side. The bag held a small amount of marijuana.

—Loose marijuana in the area of the transmission shifter on the center console

—In the trunk, two unmarked prescription bottles containing numerous pills later identified as Cyclobenzaprine (41 pills), Zolpidem (four pills) and Diclofenac (four pills).

—Eight small, individually packed baggies of marijuana in a larger bag (packaging that generally indicates that the marijuana was made ready for sale).

Bonaparte was charged with illegal storage of narcotics, possession of narcotics, possession of less than half an ounce of Marijuana, sale of marijuana or a controlled substance, driving with a license under suspension, improper use of a license plate, failure to insure a motor vehicle, driving an unregistered motor vehicle and driving a vehicle without a proper license plate.

Bonaparte was taken to Police Headquarters, where he was held until posting his \$1,000 bond at 2 p.m. He is scheduled to appear Oct. 15 in state Superior Court in Stamford.