

Stratford Police Department News Release

For Immediate Release: WEAPONS AND NARCOTICS ARREST

On 02-26-2013 members of the Stratford Police Narcotics Vice and Intelligence Unit conducted a motor vehicle stop on Main Street near McPadden Drive. The stop was the result of an investigation into alleged drug activity by the operator of the vehicle, Mark. A. Atwater (dob 10-16-1985). Atwater was taken into custody for an active re-arrest warrant charging him Failure To Appear.

During the investigation Atwater provided investigators with a voluntary statement in which he admitted to having a firearm at his residence as well as crack cocaine. Based on the information investigators obtained a search warrant and executed same at the residence of 103 Justice Street.

The resulting search led to the recovery of one stolen 9mm handgun, ammunition and approximately 3.1 grams of crack cocaine. The firearm was reported stolen from Raleigh North Carolina.

Atwater was charged with Possession Of crack Cocaine With Intent To Sell, Sale and Possession Of Narcotics Within 1500ft Of A Housing Project, Criminal Possession Of Firearm, Possession Of A Stolen Firearm, Failure To Properly Secure A Firearm, Risk Of Injury To A Minor. Atwater was held on a \$150,000 dollar bond and is scheduled to appear in court on 03-05-2013.

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