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### **West Orange Police Arrest Arizona Man with \$3.1 Million Worth of Cocaine Traffic Violations Result in Seizure of Large Quantity of Narcotics**

**November 7, 2013 – West Orange, NJ** – West Orange Police, with the assistance of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), arrested an Arizona man Wednesday for possessing 42 kilos of cocaine valued at \$3.1 million. The arrest occurred following a traffic violation that resulted in the execution of a search warrant of his vehicle.

West Orange police apprehended Gary W. Adams, 37, of Wittmann, Arizona at approximately 4 PM after he was stopped by police on Eagle Rock Avenue near Eagle Rock Reservation for driving in a hazardous manner. The DEA was called after a search warrant executed on the rental vehicle he was driving resulted in the seizure of the illegal narcotics. Adams has no ties to the area and there was no evidence that West Orange was the point of distribution of the drugs.

Adams was charged with state criminal statutes, including possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute within 500 feet of a public park.

“This arrest uncovered a large amount of drugs valued at millions of dollars and locked up the responsible individual,” said Police Chief James P. Abbott. “I want to commend both law enforcement agencies for making our communities safer by working together to take this criminal off of the streets.”

Bail is set at \$500 thousand and the suspect was transported to the Essex County jail.

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