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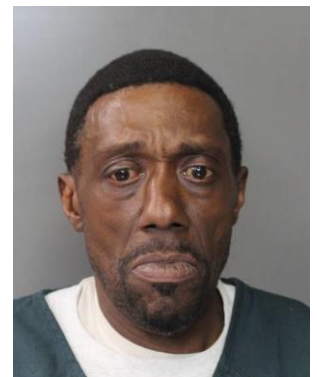
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Detectives Apprehending Sex Offender Discover Illegal Drugs & Firearm

City of Syracuse, New York – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that Sheriff's Detectives assigned to the Warrants Investigations Unit have charged a registered sex offender for failing to report a change of address.

James Mason Jr. (54) of the Skyline Apartments on James Street, a level II sex offender, was arrested on a bench warrant last Wednesday and charged with failing to notify authorities of his address change, which is required under the "Sex Offender Registration Act" that has been in effect since 1996. While executing the bench warrant, Detectives discovered three additional people inside the apartment along with approximately 3.9 ounces of cocaine, a quantity of illegally possessed hydrocodone pills and suboxone filmstrips, a quantity of fentanyl packaged for sale, scales and packaging materials along with a stolen loaded 9 mm handgun.



James Mason Jr.

In addition to Mason's bench warrant charge, he along with Ricardo Masse (47) Kareem Hamilton (38) and Assurborn Walker (28) all of Syracuse, were charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the 3rd & 7th degree, criminally using drug paraphernalia in the 2nd degree, criminal possession of weapon in the 2nd & 3rd degree, criminal possession of stolen property in the 4th degree.

All four individuals were arraigned in Centralized Arraignment Court. Mason, Masse and Walker continue to be held in the Justice Center while Hamilton was released yesterday.

Mason was convicted of Indecent Liberties with a Minor in 1996 under the North Carolina State Law 14-202.1.

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