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OFFICERS' ALERT OBSERVATION NABS TWO IN DRUG DEAL AT MALL

Trumbull Police arrested two men for narcotics charges at the Westfield mall Friday Afternoon after officers observed them making a drug transaction near the food court. Police recovered 9 grams of crack cocaine and a quantity of cash that was used for the purchase.

Police identified the purchaser as Kevin Gordon, age 57, of Newtown, who was charged with Possession of Narcotics and was held on \$1,000.00 bond. The seller was identified as Dante Archibald, age 21, of Bridgeport, who was charged with Possession of Narcotics and Sale of Narcotics and was held on \$2,500.00 bond.

Plainclothes officers, who were working at the mall at about 3:15 pm on an unrelated investigation, observed the two men engage in the exchange and alerted uniformed officers who located and detained both men as they exited the mall. As the officers approached Gordon, he discarded a small bag into a planter. The bag was immediately seized and found to contain the crack cocaine. Officers recovered a bundle of cash from Archibald that was determined to be the proceeds from the drug sale.

Archibald was found to have two active arrest warrants for failure to appear from Bridgeport and Norwalk, and was processed with those additional charges. Both men were scheduled for appearance on Friday, February 2, 2018.

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