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## *Press Release*

### Stoughton man charged with smuggling drugs Into Norfolk County House of Correction

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A 26-year old Stoughton man has pled not guilty to smuggling drugs into the Norfolk County House of Correction in Dedham by mailing envelopes doctored to appear as if they came from area law firms to avoid detection, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

"Sheriff Mike Bellotti contacted us last month to begin a joint investigation based on information that his department had developed," District Attorney Morrissey said after the arrest. "With their partnership, Massachusetts State Police detectives assigned to our drug unit executed a search warrant this afternoon on a package that had arrived at the facility. Evidence they gathered provided probable cause to obtain an arrest warrant."

Robert John HANRAHAN of 17 Pinetree Road in Stoughton, will be arraigned in the Dedham District Court tomorrow morning on the following charges:

1. Possession with Intent Class "B" Substance / 94C-32C (Suboxone)
2. Conspiracy to Violate Controlled Substance Act / 94C-40
3. Delivering or Procuring to Deliver Contraband into Correction Facility / Chapter 268- Section 31

Officers from the Stoughton Police Department participated in arresting Hanrahan at the Stoughton home of a friend on Tuesday, April 16, 2013. He was arrested without incident and is being held at the Stoughton Police Department pending his arraignment. The maximum penalty on the smuggling charge is 5 years in state prison, according to Morrissey.

"I want to commend District Attorney Morrissey's office and the Stoughton Police for working with us to keep this dangerous contraband out of the jail," Sheriff Michael G. Bellotti said following the arrest.

Authorities said 29 ½ strips of what is believed to be Suboxone were recovered; that quantity might have an estimated street value of \$1,000, but a potential value of several times that inside a penal institution.

Hanrahan was arraigned in Dedham District Court on April 18, 2013; his bail was revoked on an open, unrelated Stoughton District Court case for Operating a Motor Vehicle while license suspended, meaning he will be held without bail on that case for 60 days. \$5,000 cash bail was imposed on the drug case. Hanrahan was ordered to return to the Dedham District Court on May 22, 2013.

Bellotti and Morrissey said the investigation is continuing.