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DATE: 08/05/2011

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Police Arrest Man for 1st Degree Sale of Heroin

CASE NO.: 11129004

INCIDENT DATE: 07/25/2011

INCIDENT TIME:

INCIDENT LOCATION: 1200 block of East Fourth Street

SUBJECT: Duluth Man Charged with 1st Degree Sale of Heroin

BY: DPD Public Information Officer Jim Hansen

On Monday, July 25th, 2011 Investigators from the Lake Superior Drug and Gang Task Force and Duluth Police Department arrested Cedric Bester, a 50 year old male resident of Duluth, for 1st Degree Sale of a Controlled Substance-Heroin. The arrest came at the conclusion of a nine month investigation into Bester's involvement in heroin trafficking.

On Monday, July 25th, 2011, a search warrant was executed at Bester's residence in the 1200 block of East Fourth Street. During the search, a quantity of heroin was located along with a loaded handgun. Bester has a criminal record in Saint Louis County dating back to 1996 and has prior controlled substance convictions. Bester was charged with 1st Degree Sale of a Controlled Substance-Heroin and 1st Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance-Heroin with Intent to Sell as well as Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

During the investigation, information was developed indicating that Bester was receiving stolen property in exchange for heroin. Based on that information, the Duluth Police Department Property Crimes Unit executed a search warrant at Bester's residence on Tuesday, July 26^{th} , 2011 and recovered several items including computers and flat screen televisions that are believed to be stolen. The case is still under investigation by the Duluth Police Department.



Cedric Bester