

SHERIFF

J. D. “DOUG” DOUGHTIE

DARE COUNTY

PRESS RELEASE

February 27, 2026

On February 26, 2026, the Dare County Sheriff's Office assisted North Carolina Probation with a probation search in the Wanchese area. The search resulted in the discovery and seizure of a felony amount of controlled substances and drug paraphernalia.

Amanda J. Wells, F/39, of Wanchese, NC, was arrested and charged with:

Felony Possession of a Schedule I Controlled Substance

Felony Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance

(M) Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Wells was issued a \$50,000 secured bond on these charges and an additional \$75,000 secured bond for a probation violation.

Wells also received additional charges related to:

Felony Conspire Traffic Opium/Heroin

Felony PWIMSD (Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver) Methamphetamine

Felony Maintain Vehicle/Dwelling/Place for Controlled Substances

Felony Sell/Deliver Fentanyl

Felony Maintain Vehicle/Dwelling/Place for Controlled Substance

Felony PWIMSD (Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver) Fentanyl

Wells was issued a total secured bond of \$275,000.

Raymond V. Thomas Jr., M/46, of Wanchese, NC, was arrested and charged with:

(M) Simple Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance

(M) Simple Possession of a Schedule IV Controlled Substance

(M) Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Thomas was issued a \$10,000 secured bond on these charges and an additional \$50,000 secured bond for a probation violation.

Thomas also received additional charges related to:

Felony Conspire Traffic Opium/Heroin

Felony PWIMSD (Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver) Methamphetamine

Felony Maintain Vehicle/Dwelling/Place for Controlled Substances

Thomas was issued a total secured bond of \$135,000.

The Dare County Sheriff's Office remains committed to upholding public safety and encourages anyone with information about criminal activity to contact local law enforcement. For more information on press releases, please contact Chief Deputy Jeff Deringer at (252)475-5980. For tips, contact the Sheriff's Office or Dare County Communications Center at (252)473-3444.

