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\$86,764 SEIZED IN DRUG ARREST

In the early morning hours of 02-22-12, Auburn Police arrested 25 y/o Nicholas Morrissette of 12 Oak St. Auburn during a drug investigation. "This is a prime example of excellent street level police work" stated Deputy Chief Jason Moen. "Officer Matthew Johnson was patrolling the downtown area when he saw a subject leaving 12 Oak St. Johnson was familiar with this location as a potential drug source. He conducted a field interview with the subject, who admitted to buying marijuana from Morrissette just before leaving the building. Johnson then followed up with Morrissette. A search of the apartment yielded 136 grams of marijuana, 2.9 grams of crack cocaine, 59 Ecstasy pills and \$86,764 in drug proceeds.

Morrissette was charged with Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule W drugs and Aggravated Trafficking in Schedule Z drugs. Both charges were aggravated due to the residence being within 1000 feet of Chestnut St. Park which is designated as a drug-free safe zone.

Morrissette was transported to the Androscoggin County Jail where he was released after posting \$10,000 cash bail.

Auburn Officers assigned to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and the DEA High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force also assisted at the scene of the investigation.



Morrissette