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TWO ARRESTED, ONE SOUGHT IN NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION

The Okaloosa County Multi-Agency Drug Task Force has arrested two Fort Walton Beach residents and is seeking a third in connection with an undercover investigation into illicit trafficking and/or distribution of cocaine.

The investigation got underway in December 2008. As it developed, a confidential informant was used to negotiate and purchase 41 grams of cocaine during a controlled drug operation. The CI arrived at a meet location with his drug supplier, identified as 27-year old Hassan Ali Houryjan of 726 Eglin Parkway #6A, Fort Walton Beach. Houryjan's associate, 25-year old Chase Jovan Newton of 105 Virginia Drive, Fort Walton Beach, arrived in a separate vehicle and they positioned themselves at different areas. Newton was observed conducting the drug transaction with the informant. He returned to Houryjan's vehicle on foot with recorded law enforcement funds in his possession and both departed in separate vehicles.

Newton is charged with conspiracy to traffic in cocaine over 28 grams and trafficking in cocaine over 28 grams. Houryjan, who faces the same charges, is still at large.

During a search warrant executed at Houryjan's residence March 12th investigators found cocaine, drug paraphernalia, and marijuana.

Houryjan's roommate, 29-year old Eddie Jeffrey Lawrence was the only individual present at the residence at the time of the search warrant. Based on the results of the search, Lawrence was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance; i.e. hydrocodone and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Anyone with information on Houryjan's whereabouts is asked to contact the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office at 850-651-7400 or Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers at 850-863-TIPS.

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