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**NEWS RELEASE --- IMMEDIATE**

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**TWO ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE  
MARIJUANA**

Lee, MA: Two men were arrested in McDonald's parking lot in Lee Monday afternoon by Officer Ryan Lucy of the Lee Police Department. The two were charged with possession to distribute marijuana. Officer Lucy was parked on Housatonic Street when he was approached by a person who had been a customer at McDonald's and had seen men in a van with a large amount of cash and a large bag of marijuana. The witness provided the officer with a description of what he saw including the vehicle which was a blue van with a Vermont registration. Officer Lucy drove his cruiser the short distance to McDonalds and approached the parked Vermont van. He observed what appeared to be a large amount of marijuana in the vehicle. The driver was subsequently ordered out of the vehicle and arrested. Officer Stephanie Burdick arrived on the scene and assisted Lucy as the passenger was also arrested.

The two men were 59 year old William Martin of North Pownal, Vermont, and 53 year old Arthur Willis of Harwinton, Connecticut. Martin was charged with possession with intent to distribute a class D substance (marijuana). Wills was charged with possession with intent to distribute a class D substance (marijuana), subsequent offense.

A search of the vehicle by the Lee Police Department and members of the Berkshire County Drug Task Force revealed a total of more than 11 pounds of marijuana, and approximately \$17,000 in cash. The two men were transported to the Lee Police Department where they were each released Monday night on \$500 bail. There are expected to be arraigned in Southern Berkshire District Court on Wednesday.

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