

Cops: Traffic stop on Hutch leads to \$15,000 pill seizure

NEW ROCHELLE — A Connecticut man was arrested today after police said they found more than \$15,000 worth of prescription painkillers hidden in his car following a traffic stop on the Hutchinson River Parkway.

Jeffrey Becker, 23, of Danbury, was intending to sell the nearly 500 Oxycodone and Opana tablets that were stashed in several places in the car, Westchester County police spokesman Kieran O'Leary said.

He was charged with third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a felony, and aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle, a misdemeanor.

He was traveling north on the parkway in a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer when Officer Steven Stromberg pulled him over about 1:30 a.m. in New Rochelle. A computer check revealed that Becker's driver's license had been suspended seven times for failure to answer summonses and pay fines. He was to be arraigned today in City Court.

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