

Motor Vehicle Pursuit Ends with Arrest on Warrants and Motor Vehicle Charges

On Friday March 20, 2009 at 2:00 PM, Officer Darlene Prinz observed a motor vehicle with equipment violations travelling on Lothrop Street. Officer Prinz attempted to initiate a traffic stop of this motor vehicle after it passed through a stop sign without stopping. The vehicle would not stop, and, a routine license plate check by Police Dispatch revealed that the vehicle's owner, who was identified as Mr. Tyler LaPointe, age 20 12 Converse Court, Beverly, had a suspended license.

A pursuit continued through approximately ten miles of city neighborhoods and streets at various speeds. During the pursuit, a passenger exited from the vehicle while LaPointe continued to flee the Police. This passenger was taken to the police station where his parents retrieved him.

Mr. LaPointe eventually abandoned his motor vehicle on Webster Avenue at Greenwood Avenue, and a foot pursuit, which included day shift and detail officers occurred through neighboring backyards and streets. Mr. LaPointe was subsequently taken into custody on Hale Street at Chanticleer Drive. He was transported to the Police Station for booking.

Mr. LaPointe was charged with the following offenses:

- Speeding (MGL 90/17).
- Resisting Arrest (MGL 268/32B).
- Failure to Stop for a Police Officer (MGL 90/25).
- Disorderly Conduct (MGL 272/53).
- Reckless Operation of a Motor Vehicle (MGL 90/24).
- Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License (MGL 90/23).
- Stop Sign Violation-4 counts (MGL 89/9).
- Marked Lanes Violation (MGL 89/4A)
- Equipment Violation (MGL 90/7)
- Number Plate Violation (MGL 90/6).
- 2 Salem District Court default warrants (2 counts Assault and Battery, Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, and Intimidating a Witness).
- 1 Peabody District Court default warrant (Larceny over \$250-Single Scheme).

Officers involved in this incident included Officer Mark Panjwani, Officer Jay DeRobertis, Officer Daniel Skerry, Sergeant Joseph Shairs, Officer Jeffrey Tache, and Detail Officers Sergeant Lawrence VanLiere and Detective Richard Ganey. Mr. LaPointe was held without bail until his arraignment in Salem District Court on Monday March 23, 2009 at 9:00 AM.