

## **Two Arrested for Theft of Wire from Electrical Yard**

On 7-28-09 at 5:39 AM, an alert resident reported a suspicious motor vehicle on Marshall Court adjacent to the National Grid property. Officer Joshua Pickett responded with Sergeant John Vitale and Officers David Costa and Edward Hathon. Upon their arrival, and after their investigation, Officer Pickett arrested Mr. Chad R. Audette, age 36 of 24 Chester Street in Winchester, MA and Ms. Amy M. Voltero, age 30 of the same address.

Ms. Voltero was found on Marshall Court in a black Chevrolet, and Mr. Audette was found outside of the vehicle. Mr. Audette was observed loading items into the vehicle. These items were subsequently identified a heavy gauge electrical wiring.

Inside of the vehicle, the officers observed numerous sections of heavy gauge electrical wire. Nearby, two additional section of the same wire was located. A portion of the fence that separates the National Grid property from Marshall Court had been breached, and, based on observations at the scene; this was determined to be the location used to take the electrical wiring from the National Grid property. Heavy duty cable/bolt cutters were also found at the scene.

A National Grid employee subsequently identified the wiring as company property. The twenty-seven pieces of electrical cable were found, and they totaled 320 feet. Their value was placed at approximately \$6,000.00, however, because the entire spool of wire was damaged and unusable, and the actual loss is \$16,000.00.

In addition to the above officers, Detective David Richardson processed the crime scene. Both Mr. Audette and Ms. Voltero were transported to the Police Station for booking. They were arraigned in Salem District Court.

Mr. Audette was charged with the following criminal offenses:

- Larceny Over \$250 (MGL 266/30)
- Possession of Burglarious Instrument (MGL 266/49)
- Breaking and Entering in the Nighttime to Commit a Felony (MGL 266/16)
- Malicious Destruction Of Property (MGL 266/127)

Ms. Voltero was charged with the following criminal offenses:

- Larceny Over \$250 (MGL 266/30)
- Possession of a Burglarious Instrument (MGL 266/49)
- Use of a Motor Vehicle in a Felony (MGL 90/24)
- Accessory Before the Fact (MGL 274/2)