New Bedford man arrested for using bat during road rage incidents

New Bedford Police arrested 32-year old Derek Brent Caron of New Bedford on nine charges of assault with a dangerous weapon after a run-in with three people in a vehicle at about 10 p.m. Sunday, April 29 in the area of Shawmut Avenue and Hathaway Road.

Police received a report that the occupants of two vehicles got into a verbal argument.

One of the vehicles then followed the other. Caron, the driver of one of the two vehicles, swung a metal bat at the second vehicle, threw the bat at the vehicle, causing front fender damage, then reached back with the bat again as if to strike again.

Caron was charged with nine counts of assault with a dangerous weapon because there were three occupants of the vehicle and to reflect the three separate incidents. No one was injured.

Caron was also charged with malicious damage to a motor vehicle.