

Dartmouth Police officers allegedly assaulted while responding to shoplifting incident

On Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at approximately 1:15 p.m., Dartmouth Police responded to Walmart for a past shoplifting.

According to Walmart Loss Prevention, the male suspect had fled the store prior to the arrival of the police.

Upon viewing an image of the suspect, a Dartmouth detective positively identified him as Joshua AUDETTE, 30, of President Avenue, Fall River.

Later in the day, Dartmouth detectives observed AUDETTE as a passenger in a vehicle operating on State Road. After the vehicle was stopped, and officers encountered him, AUDETTE resisted arrest and assaulted three (3) officers.

Due to his combative and assaultive actions towards police, an electronic control device was used to subdue AUDETTE. As a result of the incident, one (1) Dartmouth officer was treated at the hospital for minor injuries.

AUDETTE was charged with shoplifting, resisting arrest, and three (3) counts of assault and battery on a police officer.



Dartmouth Police Department photo.