

Man accused of throwing dog in dumpster because it wouldn't let him sleep

On Sunday, March 24, Wareham Department of Natural Resources Officers were dispatched to 3030 Cranberry Highway, Lakeside Trailer Park, for a report of animal cruelty where a man threw a dog into a dumpster located on the property.

Officers responded to the scene and observed a man removing a small black and white dog out of a commercial type dumpster. Officer McIntosh, first on the scene, approached the visibly upset male subject and learned that the individual was the dog's owner. He identified an individual named James, who was staying at his house, had thrown the dog into the dumpster.

A second witness also reported seeing a man exit the dog owner's house while holding the dog, walk over to the dumpster, lift the small dog over his head and heaved the dog into the dumpster.

Officers made contact with 28-year old James M. Balboni of Dover, New Hampshire, and learned that he threw the dog into the dumpster because he was tired, had not slept, and the dog would not stop bothering him.

Mr. Balboni has been charged with cruelty to animals under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 272 Section 77. He is set to be arraigned at the Wareham District Court at a later date.

The dog did not sustain any injuries and is in the possession of the owner.