

# Man arrested for trying to take Worcester police officer's gun

On Monday October 9th at about 1:40 AM, a Worcester Police officer was on patrol in the area of Compass Tavern on Harding St. The officer observed a fight between approximately twenty to thirty people in the Compass parking lot, and called out for assistance on the radio. The officer ordered the crowd to stop fighting and disperse, and most of the crowd went on their way.

One male, later identified as Gabriel Padin, twenty-one-years-old of 45 Tirrell St in Worcester, continued trying to antagonize males in the other group. The officer asked Mr. Padin to leave, and asked his friends to help get him into a vehicle and out of the crowd. Mr. Padin pulled away from his friends, and started walking over to the other group. He was screaming and trying to fight them again, while blocking the exit of cars in the parking lot.

The officer observed Mr. Padin attempt to punch one of the males in the other group. At this point, the officer grabbed Mr. Padin and told him to stop. Mr. Padin elbowed the officer multiple times in the chest and chin. A security guard from the Compass Tavern assisted the officer, and Mr. Padin punched the security guard multiple times. The officer took Mr. Padin to the ground, where a struggle ensued. During the chaotic fight, the officer felt his duty belt being pulled back and forth. A bystander started shouting to the officer that Mr. Padin was grabbing the officer's gun. The officer saw Mr. Padin's right hand around the handle on the officer's firearm. The officer twisted his hips away, delivered two punches to Mr. Padin's abdomen, and was able to break Mr. Padin's grip on the gun.

Other officers arrived and were able to handcuff Mr. Padin, who is charged with Attempt to Disarm a Police Officer, Assault and Battery on a Police Officer, Assault and Battery, Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct, and Disturbing the Peace. He will be arraigned on Tuesday in Worcester District Court.