

One of Massachusetts Most Wanted for violent kidnapping and assault captured in Miami

A member of the Massachusetts State Police Most Wanted Fugitives list, a man who violently kidnapped and assaulted a woman in March, was captured this morning after an MSP Trooper assigned to the Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section tracked him to Miami. KEVIN J. HAMEL, 50, was arrested at about 7:45 a.m. by members of the US Marshals Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force at an address provided by MSP Trooper Thiago Miranda.

HAMEL was transported following his arrest to the Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center in Miami, where he was booked as a fugitive from justice and will be held pending rendition to Massachusetts.

HAMEL is wanted for kidnapping, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, domestic assault and battery, and vandalism from a March 30 incident in Townsend. On that date, Townsend Police received a 911 call from a woman who was fleeing from an assault in progress. Responding Townsend officers subsequently determined that HAMEL had held the woman against her will and violently assaulted her, causing numerous injuries. Officers could not locate HAMEL and obtained an arrest warrant. At that time, HAMEL, who had an extensive criminal history including firearm and kidnapping convictions and restraining order violations, was also wanted for violation his probation from one of the previous convictions.

In August, MSP Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section (MSP VFAS) added HAMEL to its list of Most Wanted fugitives. Trooper Miranda and other Troopers from the MSP VFAS Central Team have worked tirelessly to locate him since then,

exhausting numerous leads. Earlier this month, Trooper Miranda developed information suggesting HAMEL was in Miami. The Trooper confirmed an address and asked the US Marshal Fugitive Task Force in Worcester to coordinate with the Marshal's Florida task force to effect the arrest.

Middlesex County prosecutors will coordinate HAMEL's rendition with their Florida counterparts.



MOST WANTED

KEVIN J. HAMEL



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WANTED FOR:

Kidnapping

A&B with Dangerous Weapon (2 cts)

A&B on Family/Household Member

DOB: 12/13/63
Height: 6'-00"
Weight: 225 lbs.
Hair: Brown and Grey
Eyes: Blue
Skin: White
MID: 34399MC0
AKAs: None Known
Tattoos: None Known

Wanted by the Massachusetts State Police and the Townsend Police Department

On March 30, 2018, the Townsend Police Department received a 911 call from a female victim advising that she was fleeing from an assault in progress. Responding officers subsequently determined that Kevin HAMEL allegedly held the female against her will and violently assaulted her causing numerous injuries. HAMEL was not located and an arrest warrant issued for Kidnapping, Assault & Battery With a Dangerous Weapon (2 cts), Assault & Battery on a Family/Household Member and Vandalize Property (4 cts). In addition, HAMEL has an arrest warrant for Violation of Probation on charges to include Assault to Rape, Assault & Battery With Dangerous Weapon, Assault & Battery and Intimidation of a Witness. HAMEL has an extensive criminal history in Massachusetts which includes past convictions for Possession of Firearm/Rifle, Possession of Shotgun, Possession of Ammunition, Stalking, Kidnapping and Restraining Order Violations. He has further been the subject of 8 restraining orders in different Massachusetts locales involving several different plaintiffs. HAMEL is actively avoiding law enforcement and has past ties to Townsend, Fitchburg, Ayer, Acton and New Hampshire. Warrant # 1848CR000354 and warrant # 1785PT00117 have been issued for the arrest of HAMEL with Continental U.S. Extradition authorized.