

Massachusetts State Police traffic stop results in arrest and multiple firearms charges

"Thursday, June 24, just before 10:30 a.m. Trooper Jeffrey Lang, assigned to the Massachusetts State Police-Weston Barracks was on patrol on Route 90 in Weston. While traveling eastbound, Trooper Lang's attention was drawn to a grey Nissan Altima tailgating vehicles, operating erratically, and traveling 84 miles per hour in a 65 zone. It was then that Trooper Lang activated his blue lights and initiated a motor vehicle stop.

Trooper Lang then made contact with the operator, KHRISTOPHER HERNANDEZ-JOSE, 26, of Methuen. Trooper Lang engaged HERNANDEZ-JOSE in conversation. HERNANDEZ-JOSE displayed confused and anxious behavior, was not able to definitively say where he was traveling from and could not provide valid paperwork for the rental vehicle that he was operating. During conversation, HERNANDEZ-JOSE, repeatedly avoided questions regarding the vehicle and its contents. Trooper Lang then asked permission to have a look inside the vehicle, to which HERNANDEZ-JOSE agreed.

Trooper Lang then asked HERNANDEZ-JOSE to stand clear of the roadway and began looking in the center console of the vehicle. It was then that HERNANDEZ-JOSE called out to Trooper Lang and through conversation between the two, it was revealed that there were four 9mm bullets and a 30 round, 9mm magazine in a gym bag in the rear of the vehicle. After HERNANDEZ-JOSE was placed into the rear of Trooper Lang's cruiser, Lang retrieved the items and continued to question HERNANDEZ-JOSE. It was then made known that there was a firearm in the trunk

of the vehicle. HERNANDEZ-JOSE does not possess a license to carry a firearm, or Firearms Identification Card. At this time, Trooper Lang radioed for backup from Troopers John Concannon and Mitchell Melo. Together, the Troopers were able to locate a loaded Glock 42 handgun with a magazine in the well containing 6 rounds, protruding from a sneaker in the trunk. Trooper Lang then placed HERNANDEZ-JOSE under arrest and transported him back to the Weston Barracks for booking.

HERNANDEZ-JOSE was scheduled to appear in Waltham District Court on the following charges:

01. Unlawful Possession of a Firearm;
02. Unlawful Possession of a Loaded Firearm;
03. Possession of Ammunition without FID;
04. Unlawful Possession of a Large Capacity Feeding Device;
05. Speeding Over Posted Limit; and
06. Marked Lanes Violation.