

# Massachusetts State Police arrest Oklahoma man in Sturbridge for possession of illegal narcotics and firearms

On Monday at approximately 7:42 a.m., Trooper William Pothier, who is assigned to State Police-Sturbridge, conducted a check of the rest area on I-84 westbound in Sturbridge. While conducting this check, Trooper Pothier spoke with the occupants of a GMC Denali which was parked in the rest area, with an expired temporary Missouri registration.

After a brief investigation, the vehicle's owner, JUSTIN G. BARRON, 39, of Heavener, Oklahoma, was found to be in illegal possession of a .40 caliber Springfield XD pistol and a Smith & Wesson M&P rifle, both with ammunition, and a smoking pipe containing methamphetamine as well as other miscellaneous drug paraphernalia. BARRON is not licensed to carry firearms in Massachusetts.

A female passenger was released with no charges. BARRON was placed under arrest and charged with the following:

1. Possession/carrying a firearm;
2. Assault weapon, sell/possess;
3. Improper storage of a firearm;
4. Possession of a large capacity weapon or feeding device;
5. Possession of a large capacity weapon or feeding device;
6. Possession of a large capacity weapon or feeding device;
7. Possession of ammunition without FID card;
8. Possession of Class B drug; and
9. Unregistered motor vehicle.

BARRON was transported to State Police-Sturbridge for booking. BARRON was held on \$15,040 bail, pending arraignment in Dudley District Court.