

Massachusetts State Trooper Dragged During Motor Vehicle Stop

Yesterday at approximately 4 p.m. a Trooper assigned to State Police-Belchertown conducted a motor vehicle stop on a 2009 Nissan Altima for a license plate violation while traveling on Route 32 southbound in Ware.

After speaking to the stopped operator, the Trooper identified him as JOSEPH HURLBURT, 24, of Enfield, Conn., and determined that he had multiple warrants for his arrest.

The Trooper attempted to remove HURLBURT from the vehicle. As he did so, HURLBURT began to drive forward and accelerated at a high rate of speed. The vehicle dragged the Trooper approximately 30 feet before coming to an abrupt stop, causing him to fall.

HURLBURT then fled the scene on Route 32 toward Palmer. The Trooper was not injured in the incident.

State Police broadcast a Be On the LookOut (BOLO) statewide for the suspect and vehicle. Members of the Ware Police Department located HURLBURT at approximately 2 a.m. today and placed him under arrest for the active warrants along with additional charges filed by their department.

A summons is being forwarded to Eastern Hampshire District Court for the following offenses:

1. Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle;
2. A&B Dangerous Weapon;
3. Failure to Stop for Police;
4. Resisting Arrest;
5. Interfering with a Police Officer;

6. Number Plate Violation; and
7. Marked Lanes Violation.