

# **Men from New Bedford and Freetown arrested after police chase through Wareham, Mattapoisett and Fairhaven**

On Monday October 04, 2021 the Mattapoisett Police Department placed two suspects in custody after a vehicle and foot pursuit which ended in Fairhaven.

At approximately 2148 hrs. Sgt. Dumas from the Mattapoisett Police Department received information that the Wareham Police Department was looking for a U-Haul truck which was possibly involved in the larceny of a motorcycle in their town.

Communities throughout the Southcoast have been experiencing a drastic increase in the theft of high-end motorcycles.

Sgt. Dumas observed the suspect vehicle exit I195 westbound and proceed south on North St. Sgt. Dumas activated his emergency lights and siren in an attempt to stop the vehicle. The operator of the vehicle disregarded his lights and siren and at which time the pursuit was initiated. Mattapoisett Officers Tavares and Borges assisted Sgt. Dumas.

Fairhaven Police were notified that Mattapoisett Officers were pursuing a vehicle which was traveling west on Rt. 6 towards Fairhaven. Sgt. Gordon from the Fairhaven Police Department was able to successfully deploy his stop sticks and deflate all four tires of the vehicle. The vehicle continued for a short distance and eventually stopped in the parking lot of 4 David Drown Boulevard. Once the vehicle stopped both the operator and the passenger fled on foot and were placed into custody after a short foot pursuit.

The motorcycle which was valued at approximately \$17,000 was

recovered at the scene and subsequently returned to the owner.

Donnie Moniz, age 18, from New Bedford, was placed into custody and transported to the Mattapoisett Police Department for booking. Mr. Moniz was charged with Receiving Stolen Property. Rory A. Santos-Barrows Jr, age 22, from East Freetown, was placed into custody and transported to the Mattapoisett Police Station for booking. Mr. Santos-Barrows Jr was charged with Receiving Stolen Property, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Fail to Stop for Police, Marked Lanes Violation, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Speeding.

Both suspects were transported to the Wareham 4th District Court on October 5, 2021 to be arraigned on the above charges. Fairhaven Police, Wareham Police and Trooper Kyle Pavao from the Massachusetts State Police assisted with the arrest.