

New Bedford man arrested for unarmed robbery



The suspect jumped the counter after his transaction was declined after using an ID that didn't match the debit card.

Earlier this week there was an unarmed robbery that took place at the 7-11 located at 1499 Acushnet Ave. The female clerk suffered a scratch to her hand during a struggle with the suspect.

The suspect entered the store and attempted to use a debit card that did not match his identification to buy a carton of

cigarettes. When the transaction was declined, he jumped the counter and struggled with the clerk. He then fled on foot with several packs of cigarettes.

Shortly thereafter, Trooper Paul Gifford of the Massachusetts State Police alertly spotted the suspect who matched the description in the area of Sawyer and North Front St. A foot chase ensued and the suspect was taken into custody. Trooper Gifford is the arresting officer and the suspect will be arraigned this morning in New Bedford district court. He is facing unarmed robbery charges.

The stolen cigarettes were recovered and returned to the store.

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