

New Bedford Police recover two stolen vehicles after chases, arrest two in separate incidents

"New Bedford police have recovered two stolen vehicles within hours of each other and arrested the suspects operating them.

On July 5th, at approximately 10AM, a male was discovered sleeping in the rear yard of a Merrimac St. residence by the victim. Upon being awoken, the male ran towards the victim's car, jumped into the driver's seat, and sped away. Soon thereafter, the suspect was observed by a patrol unit exiting the vehicle and running through yards in the area of Summer St./Penniman St.

After a brief foot pursuit, the male was taken into custody and identified as BRANDON PIERCE, 31, of New Bedford. PIERCE was charged with larceny of the motor vehicle and also found to have 6 outstanding warrants for his arrest. BRANDON PIERCE has an extensive criminal history with convictions for possession of a firearm, receiving stolen property, forgery, resisting arrest, breaking & entering, and narcotics among others.

Later in the day at approximately 5PM, a west-end patrol unit observed a vehicle in the area of Kempton St./Chancery St. with a stolen plate. The suspect led the officer on a brief chase before finally stopping and being taken into custody. He was identified as CAMERON FERNANDO LEITE, 20, of 106 Clara St. Upon further investigation, it was learned that the vehicle had been stolen. LEITE was charged with failing to stop for police, operating with a suspended license, illegally attaching plates, and receiving stolen property. At the time

of this arrest, LEITE had 8 open charges out of Brockton district court.

The arresting officer in both of the above investigations was Ofc. Christopher Cotter.

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