

Purse Snatching Suspect Captured by Dartmouth Police

On Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at approximately 4:57 p.m., Dartmouth Police Detective Sergeant Frank OLIVEIRA, while off-duty, observed Miguel BRASIL, the same man wanted for a purse snatching that occurred yesterday at Citizens Bank in Dartmouth, commit a purse snatching on a seventy-two (72) year old Dartmouth woman at the Rite Aid, located at #676 Dartmouth Street, Dartmouth.

After committing the purse snatching, BRASIL entered the same vehicle in which he fled yesterday (a silver Toyota Corolla).

While fleeing north on Dartmouth Street, Officer Ryan REIS attempted to stop BRASIL, at which time he failed to stop.

After police officers from both the Dartmouth Police Department and the City of New Bedford Police Department saturated the area, an off-duty Dartmouth detective observed BRASIL driving on Grape Street in New Bedford.

After notifying responding police units of BRASIL's location, Sergeant Scott STANTON observed BRASIL illegally passing vehicle's on Grape Street, while also operating at a high rate of speed. As BRASIL was attempting to pass one of the aforementioned vehicles, he struck Sergeant STANTON's cruiser, causing substantial damage.

Subsequent to this, BRASIL resisted arrest, but was ultimately taken into custody.

As a result of injuries sustained during the crash, BRASIL was transported to St. Luke's Hospital to be evaluated and/or treated.

Sergeant STANTON was not injured as a result of the crash.

BRASIL faces numerous charges in connection with both yesterday and today's incident.

According to Dartmouth Chief of Police, Brian P. LEVESQUE, "This is an outstanding example of this department's commitment to making sure that this rogue and dangerous individual was quickly taken off the street for the egregious crimes that he committed. I would also like to thank the public for their assistance in helping us identify BRASIL yesterday. Because of their help, my detectives were able to secure an arrest warrant by this morning, and quickly disseminate information about BRASIL to both law enforcement agencies and the public alike."