

Two New Bedford men charged with OUI early Monday morning

Two New Bedford men are being charged with OUI after being involved in car accidents early Monday morning.

At 2am, New Bedford police officers were called to an accident at the intersection of Tarkin Hill Road and Acushnet Avenue for a single motor vehicle accident with a pole.

Upon arrival, officers observed a white vehicle partially on a sidewalk. The traffic signal pole was damaged from the crash. As officers on scene spoke with the operator it was determined there was operation while under the influence. 59-year old Stephen Conchinha is charged with OUI liquor.

At 2:08am, a driver struck another vehicle in the rear at the intersection of North Street and Chancery Street. While New Bedford police officers were on the scene, they determined the operator had operated the vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Police officers also found a folding knife greater than 2 and a half inches in the driver's possession, which violates New Bedford city ordinance 17-8. 24-year old Jaleel Martin is being charged with OUI-liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and carrying an illegal knife.