

# Wareham Police arrest man for car break-ins; repeat offender

On Saturday, September 7, at about 9:30 p.m., Special Officer Malik Wilkes observed a suspicious male in the parking lot of Master Mufflers on Cranberry Highway. Staying out of sight, Officer Wilkes witnessed the male pulling on door handles of cars parked in the lot and called for backup. Lt. Walter Correia, Officer James White, and Officer Michael Phinney responded and positioned themselves to surveil the lot. Within a minute, Officer Phinney observed the male get into the passenger side of a car and reach for something on the driver's side.

As Officer Phinney approached the vehicle, the male attempted to flee, and a scuffle ensued. With the assistance of Officer White, the male was subdued and placed under arrest. Brendin Akusis, 24, of East Wareham is charged with breaking and entering in a vehicle with intent to commit a felony and resisting arrest.

This is the second time in less than a month Mr. Akusis has been arrested by Wareham Police. On August 19, he was arrested after being suspected of breaking into the Mass Coast Railroad office and stealing from that building.

Acting Chief John Walcek said, "I am proud of Officer Wilkes, one of our seasonal officers, for his keen observations which resulted in this arrest by members of the evening shift."