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PRESS RELEASE

Date: Friday, June 26, 2009

Defendant: Stephan J. DA SILVA; age 20 of 62 Doyle Ave., Providence, RI 02970

Incident: Poss. Of a Class D Drug w/Intent to Distribute

At 7:24 p.m., while monitoring vehicular traffic on Main Street, Rte. 16, Patrolman Jacob Bloniasz observed a black Acura coupe bearing a Rhode Island registration traveling westbound. A registry inquiry of the vehicle's plates revealed "no active registration" and indicated an expiration date of July 2008. Officer Bloniasz stopped the vehicle-in-question a short distance away.

During the course of his investigation, Officer Bloniasz noted that Mr. Da Silva appeared to be very nervous throughout their interaction. After confirming the vehicle's expired status, a search was conducted prior to it being towed from the roadway at which time Officer Bloniasz discovered several small transparent ziplock baggies containing what he believed to be marijuana. In addition, \$469.00 in cash was seized from Mr. Da Silva.

Mr. Da Silva was placed under arrest and taken into custody. He was transported back to the police station and processed accordingly. Bail was set at \$540.00. Mr. Da Silva was released shortly thereafter after posting bail and was due to be arraigned in Uxbridge District Court. Officer Norman Forget assisted.



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Date: Sunday, June 28, 2009

Defendant: Timothy ERICKSON; age 22 of 239 Pleasant Street, Leicester, MA 01524

Incident: O.U.I. Alcohol, License Restriction Violation

At approximately 7:30 a.m., while responding to a medical call-for-service, Patrolman Anthony Yannino observed a vehicle that appeared to be out of place on Wallum Lake Road as it was parked on the roadway in an area where there are no houses or other buildings. Officer Yannino investigated further and discovered the vehicle still running as the operator was located passed out in the driver's seat. After waking and having contact with the operator whom Officer Yannino later identified as Timothy Erickson, he was able to make several observations that led him to believe Mr. Erickson had consumed alcohol recently.

As a result of this and a number of other observations, Officer Yannino conducted a series of tests to determine Mr. Erickson's ability to safely operate his vehicle. At the conclusion of those tests, Officer Yannino determined that Mr. Erickson's ability to operate had been diminished by his consumption of alcohol. He was placed under arrest without incident and transported to the police station where he was booked according to procedure. Mr. Erickson was released later that day pending his arraignment in Uxbridge District Court.