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1. **FELONY - Possession of Controlled Substance (Heroin):** On Tuesday, July 31, 2017, at approximately 8:35 PM, Patrolmen Ryan Donohue and Daniel Kelley arrested **Christopher Godfrey**, age 36, of last known address of 13A Spring Street, Hope Valley on a charge of **Possession of a Controlled Substance (Heroin)**, after officers were dispatched to Cumberland Farms on Main Street for a report of a possible shoplifter. When they arrived, they observed a male fitting the suspect's description in the parking lot. The subject saw police and started walking away towards the wood line, and was ordered to stop. He was carrying a sweatshirt rolled into a ball containing several items that had been taken from the store. Officers subsequently found him in possession of four (4) small clear plastic bags of a brown-tan powdery substance (heroin). The store declined prosecution, but he was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. He was returned to the station and processed. Mr. Godfrey was subsequently arraigned before Justice of the Peace Michael Robinson, and was released on \$5,000 personal recognizance.
2. **Misdemeanor - DUI (1st offense - BAC unknown):** On Thursday, August 3, 2017, at 10:24 PM, Patrolman Michael Jacome arrested **Robert Stebenne**, age 64, of 560 Usquepaugh Road, West Kingston on charges of (1) **Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/ or Drugs (1st offense - BAC unknown)**, and (2) **Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test (civil)**, after stopping a vehicle for crossing over the double yellow center line multiple times on Kingstown Road. Mr. Stebenne was arrested on suspicion of DUI after performing a series of standard field sobriety tests. He was processed at the station, where he refused to consent to a chemical test. He was released with a summons to appear in 4th District Court on August 31st, 2017 for arraignment on the above charge.
3. **Misdemeanor - DUI (1st offense - BAC unknown):** On Friday, August 4, 2017, at 1:56 AM, Corporal William Litterio and Patrolman Michael Jacome arrested **Resa L. Parson**, age 48, of 65 Ralph Street, Providence on charges of (1) **Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/ or Drugs (1st offense - BAC unknown)**, and (2) **Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test (civil)**, after Cpl. Litterio stopped her vehicle for speeding at **67-MPH in a 40-MPH-zone** on Church Street. Ms. Parson was arrested on suspicion of DUI after performing a series of standard field sobriety tests. She was processed at the station, where she refused to consent to a chemical test. She was released with a summons to appear in 4th District Court on August 17th, 2017 for arraignment on the above charge.

4. **Misdemeanor - DUI (1st offense - BAC unknown):** On Friday, August 4, 2017, at 9:21 PM, Corporal William Litterio and Patrolman Ryan Donohue arrested **Michael K. Fanning**, age 63, of 22 Clearview Drive, Richmond on charges of (1) **Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/ or Drugs (1st offense - BAC unknown)**, and (2) **Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test (civil)**, after Cpl. Litterio stopped his vehicle for speeding on Nooseneck Hill Road. Mr. Fanning, who had his 11-year-old child in the vehicle at the time, was arrested on suspicion of DUI after performing a series of standard field sobriety tests. The child was safely retrieved by their mother, and DCYF was notified about the above arrest. He was processed at the station, where he refused to consent to a chemical test. He was released with a summons to appear in 4th District Court on August 17th, 2017 for arraignment on the above charge.
5. **Misdemeanor - Domestic Violence Charges:** On Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 5:58 PM, Patrolmen Daniel Kelley and Ryan Donohue arrested **Jeffery M. Fortin**, age 42, of 19 Tall Timbers Drive, Richmond on charges of (1) **Domestic Simple Assault**, (2) **Domestic Vandalism**, (3) **Domestic Disorderly Conduct**, and (4) **Domestic Failure to Relinquish Telephone** after officers were dispatched to that address for a 9-1-1 call reporting a domestic disturbance in progress. Officers arrived to discover that a young child living at the residence had run out to the street to flag down a passing car to ask them for help, so a Good Samaritan stopped to assist and called 9-1-1. Investigation revealed that during a heated verbal argument, Mr. Fortin allegedly assaulted an adult family member resulting in visible minor injuries, and deliberately punched interior walls and a door in the home resulting in significant damage. When the alleged victim tried to retrieve their cell phone from Mr. Fortin, he purportedly pushed the victim into a bookshelf and refused to relinquish it. Mr. Fortin was arrested without incident, and taken to the station to be processed. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Michael Robinson, and was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance along with being served a no-contact order barring him from any contact with the alleged victim.
6. **Misdemeanor - Shoplifting:** On Sunday, August 6, 2017, at approximately 12:45 PM, Patrolman Dan Kelley arrested **Kayne Thomas**, age 21, of 189 Carolina Nooseneck Road, Wyoming on a charge of **Shoplifting** after responding to the Wyoming Package Store for a complaint. Investigation revealed that Mr. Thomas allegedly tried to purchase an 18-pack of Bud Light while concealing a 750-ml bottle of Parrot Bay Coconut Rum he had stuck in his waistband and under his shirt. He was processed at the station, and was released with a summons to appear in 4th District Court on August 17th, 2017 for arraignment on the above charge.
7. **Misdemeanor - DUI (1st offense - BAC greater than .15):** On Monday, August 7, 2017 at approximately 1:33 AM, Patrolmen Michael Jacome, Brock Taylor and Patrolman Al Gaccione of Hopkinton PD arrested **John Mello, Jr.**, age 57, of 12 Viall Street, Apt. 1, New Bedford, MA on a charge of **Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/ or Drugs (1st offense - BAC greater than .15)**, after monitoring a broadcast from the Hopkinton Police Department about an erratic operator traveling on Route 95 Northbound near Exit 1. Officers located the

vehicle and observed the operator traveling under the posted speed limit at about **45-MPH in a 65-MPH-zone** while swerving and drifting across the lanes of travel and into the breakdown lane, then across the lanes of travel again nearly colliding with other motorists on the highway. Mr. Mello stopped his vehicle north of Exit 4 in Richmond approximately one mile after officers had activated their emergency lights and sirens. He was arrested on suspicion of DUI after performing a series of standard field sobriety tests. He submitted to a Breathalyzer test that resulted in BAC (blood-alcohol-content) readings of **.156 (1st phase)**, and **.160 (2nd phase)**. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Michael Robinson, and was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance.

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