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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Recreational shooting results in stray bullet striking McDonald's restaurant - no injuries but bullet damages glass window and interior wall of restaurant.**

#### **Misdemeanor - Firing in a Compact Area & Firing Across Highways Prohibited:**

On Thursday evening at about 4:52 PM, May 11, 2017, Corporal William Litterio and Patrolman Ryan Donohue responded to the McDonald's restaurant at the corner of Kingstown Road and Stilson Road in Wyoming after a restaurant employee reported that someone had shot a "pellet" through one of their glass windows. Upon arrival, Corporal Litterio heard gun shots coming from a distance away. Upon viewing the damaged restaurant window, officers realized it was caused by a bullet from a firearm, not a pellet gun. Officers canvassed the area and spoke to several people in an effort to ascertain where the shooting was taking place, and one witness thought the shots were coming from behind the UBS (United Builders Supply) property. Shortly thereafter, they identified the shooter as an employee of Richmond Sand & Stone who reportedly had permission to shoot recreationally at targets on a remote part of their property. Investigation revealed that **Shawn G. Lucente**, age 26, of 5 May Drive, Westerly had been shooting his legally-owned **AR-15 rifle** at steel targets with a brush pile as a backstop from an elevated ridge, and was unaware that his stray rounds were penetrating the backstop and traveling beyond his employer's property. One of those rifle rounds from his AR-15 traveled approximately 1,950 feet and penetrated the double-pane glass window of McDonald's on the eastern side of the restaurant at a height of approximately 7-feet and traveled on a downward trajectory across a dining room area where it penetrated the dining room wall at a height of about 5-feet. The bullet struck a tile on the inside of the wall and fell to the bottom of the interior space inside of the wall. Fortunately, no one was injured. Mr. Lucente was remorseful and offered to pay for the damages to the restaurant. Officers arrested Mr. Lucente on charges of (1) **Firing in a Compact Area** and (2) **Firing Across Highways Prohibited**. He was processed at the station and was subsequently released with a summons to appear in 4<sup>th</sup> District Court on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for arraignment on the above charge. (Images below)



**AR-15 used for target practice**



**Exterior view of glass window with bullet hole (employees placed tape around damage to minimize the potential of glass falling away).**



**Bullet hole view from inside restaurant**





**Dining area where bullet entered through glass window. Red line represents approximate trajectory of bullet as it passed through the glass and into the wall.**

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