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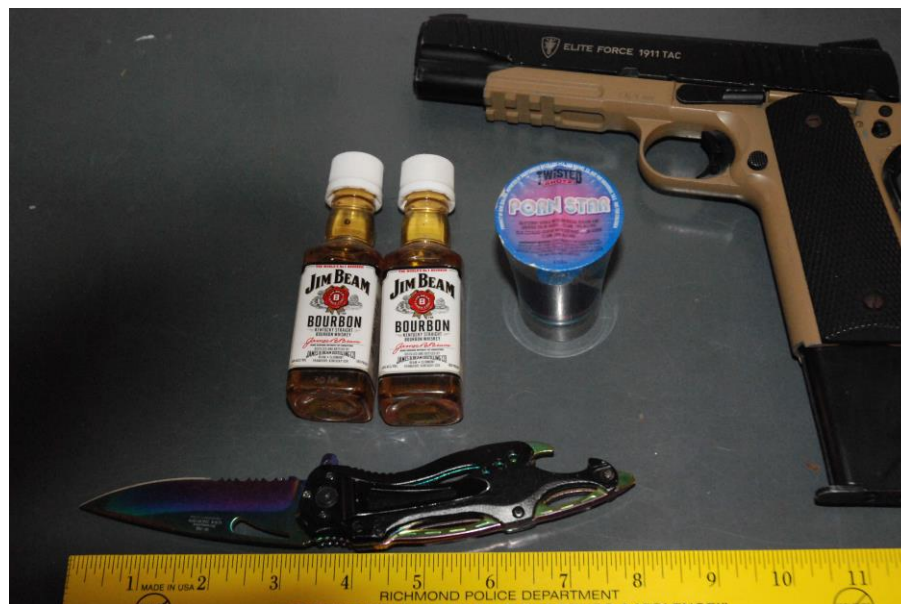


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1. **DELINQUENT Juvenile - Possession of Firearm on School Grounds (Airsoft pistol), Possession of Alcoholic Beverage by Underage Person, and Weapons Other than Firearms Prohibited (Folding Knife):** On Friday evening, November 4th, 2016, at approximately 9:00 PM, Patrolman Brock Taylor, assisted by Patrolman Albert Gaccione of the Hopkinton Police Department, arrested a **14-year-old male resident of Richmond** who was attending a football game at Chariho High School, on charges of (1) **Possession of a Firearm (Airsoft Pellet Pistol) on School Grounds;** (2) **Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage by an Underage Person;** and (3) **Weapons Other than Firearms Prohibited (knife w/ blade over 3")**. The officers were assigned to a police detail for the football game when a concerned attendee approached them to inform them that a teenage male wearing a black hoodie was handling a knife near the rear side of the bleachers. Officers approached the youth to conduct a well-being check and ensure the safety of people attending the game. When they asked the youth if he had a knife, the youth volunteered that he had one in his backpack. The backpack contained a knife, alcoholic beverages, and an Airsoft pistol. School administrators were on hand to assist police at the scene. This constituted the first such contact that police had with this particular juvenile resident, and investigation failed to reveal nefarious intent. The youth was released to the custody of his father, and shall be petitioned to Family Court on the above charges.



2. **FELONY - Possession of a Stolen Firearm:** On Monday, November 7th, 2016, at approximately 7:12 PM, Detective Drew Bishop responded to the Hopkinton Police Department and took custody of **Nicholas Foster**, age 20, of 195 Charlestown Beach Road, Charlestown on the strength of a Richmond Police arrest warrant charging him with one count of **Possession of a Stolen Firearm (JC Higgins 16-gauge pump-action shotgun)**, as the result of a joint investigation with Sgt. Ryan Percival of the Hopkinton Police Department. A Hopkinton resident reported that their firearm had been stolen from their home during the latter part of October 2016. Shortly thereafter, a video surfaced on Facebook in which Nicholas Foster was depicted handling the firearm, which had very distinct and unique features that the victim was able to identify. Investigation by Det. Bishop and Sgt. Percival led them to ascertain that property depicted in the video was located at 1152 Main Street in Richmond. Mr. Foster was processed at the station and was subsequently arraigned before Justice of the Peace Joseph Scott. He was subsequently ordered held without bail due to this offense constituting an alleged violation of his probation. He was transported to the Intake Service Center at the ACI to await a court appearance on the violation.

3. **FELONY - Driving Under the Influence - BAC Unknown (3rd offense in 5 years), Misdemeanor - Operating on a Suspended License for Certain Violations:** On Monday, November 7th, 2016 at approximately 8:10 PM, Corporal William Litterio arrested **Lawrence A. Sanderson**, age 33, of 10 Columbia Heights, Charlestown on a felony count of (1) **Driving Under the Influence of Liquor and/or Drugs - (BAC Unknown - 3rd offense in 5 years)**, and a misdemeanor count of (2) **Operating on a Suspended License for Certain Violations (DUI)**, after stopping his vehicle on Shannock Hill Road for repeatedly crossing the center dividing line. He was arrested on suspicion of DUI after performing a series of standard field sobriety tests. Mr. Sanderson was processed at the station, and was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Joseph Scott. He was subsequently released on \$10,000 personal recognizance, and was served with civil citations for *Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test*, *Possession of Marijuana (under 1 ounce)*, and *Possessing of an Open Container of Alcohol While Operating a Motor Vehicle*.

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