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TWO WEEK SEARCH FOR SUSPECT INVOLVED IN MULTIPLE CRIMES ENDS WITH ARREST

For the last two weeks, Barnstable Detectives have been searching for Derrick Degrace (age 45 of Mashpee). Degrace, who has a long and notorious criminal record reflecting 249 criminal arraignments dating back to 1985, was wanted for several different crimes committed in and around Barnstable.

On 11/10/12, Degrace broke into a motor vehicle in a Hyannis parking lot and stole the vehicle owner's checkbook. Over the next two days, Degrace forged six different checks and cashed them at various banks in Hyannis, Mashpee, and Falmouth.

On 11/19/12, Degrace entered a Bank of America branch in Hyannis and attempted to cash another fraudulent check. While bank employees were investigating, Degrace became suspicious and started to leave the bank. On his way out of the bank, Degrace encountered a customer that was in the process of counting out a quantity of cash that was to be deposited. Degrace grabbed the cash (approximately \$1300) from the customer and ran from the bank.

On 11/28/12 at approximately 2PM, Degrace entered the Stop and Shop in Marstons Mills where he approached a 78 year old Centerville woman who was shopping. Degrace subsequently grabbed the victim's purse from the shopping cart and ran from the store. The victim and a witness to the crime chased Degrace into the parking lot where he escaped after jumping into a waiting motor vehicle.

At approximately 12PM today (11/29), Barnstable Detective Jason Laber and Falmouth Detective Ron Carpenter developed information which led to Degrace's location. Degrace was located and placed under arrest in Falmouth. Degrace was transported to the BPD and charged with the following offenses:

11/10 incident - B&E Motor Vehicle, Forgery (6 counts), Uttering a Forged Instrument (6 counts), Larceny Pursuant to a Single Scheme (over \$250).

11-19 incident - Larceny From a Person

11-28 incident - Larceny From a Person Over 65 years Old



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Degrace is being held at the BPD without bail pending arraignment in Barnstable District Court tomorrow (11/29) morning. Any questions, please contact Detective Lieutenant Sean Balcom at 508-328-0741 or balcoms@barnstablepolice.com.



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