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## **Barnstable Police Department Press Release March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

### **Convicted felon arrested for domestic assault in which a firearm was used**

During the evening of 3/6/12, a 20 year old Sandwich female drove over to a friend's home on Old Mill Rd. in Marston Mills. The female got out of her vehicle. She was surprised to encounter her ex- boyfriend. She identified him as Keith Newell of Hyannis. She had ended her relationship with NEWELL earlier in the day. NEWELL grabbed her and physically forced her back into her car. Newell also got into the car and started to drive away. Despite her numerous pleas to stop the car and let her out Newell refused. During the ride, Newell pulled out a handgun and threatened to kill the victim.

Newell drove the victim to his residence at 24 Marston Ave. Hyannis. He physically forced her into the home and threatened to kill her if she left. He told her "If I can't have you nobody will". NEWELL was still armed with a handgun at this time. NEWELL took possession of her cellular telephone and car keys. He told if she left the bedroom he would kill her. During this time she reported NEWELL ingested some type of narcotic while they were in the bedroom. Eventually, Newell passed out and the victim was able to escape.

She reported the incident to the Sandwich Police Department. Sandwich PD contacted the Barnstable Police. A broadcast for NEWELL was put out to Barnstable Police Officers. Barnstable Street Crimes Unit (SCU) was able to locate NEWELL on West Main Street in Hyannis. Newell was arrested on two (2) outstanding warrants not related to this investigation. Barnstable Police Patrolman Owen Needham and Sgt Mark Mellyn interviewed the victim. NEWELL was subsequently charged with kidnapping, assault by dangerous weapon (Firearm), illegal possession of a firearm, illegal possession of ammunition, A&B domestic violence, and threat to commit domestic violence/murder for his involvement in the assault on the victim.

Barnstable Detectives Division conducted a follow up investigation. On 03/07/2012, MELLYN was able to obtain a search warrant for the Newell's residence. Investigators sought to recover the firearm used by NEWELL to threaten the victim. Members of the BPD Detective Division, lead by MELLYN, executed the search warrant at 24 Marstons Ave, Hyannis. They were able to recover a loaded large caliber handgun at the residence. NEWELL is a convicted felon and does not have a license to possess firearms.

The illegal possession of firearms arrest of NEWELL makes him the third member of the NEWELL family recently arrested on firearms charges. NEWELL's brothers Randall and Christopher have also been arrest on firearms charges recently. Randall Newell was arrested by



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the Harwich Police Department last week on firearms related charges. On 12/07/2011, Christopher Newell was arrested by the Barnstable SCU on firearms charges. Both are currently being held at the Barnstable County Jail with their cases pending in Orleans and Barnstable District Courts.

Keith Newell is a convicted felon with several felony convictions including convictions for possession with intent to distribute cocaine and illegal firearms possession. Additional charges of being an armed career criminal may be taken out on a future date.

was arraigned in Barnstable District Court today and order held without bail until 03/09/2012.

An arrest photograph of Newell is attached to this release. Any requests for additional information and/or question please contact Det Lt John Murphy (508) 778-3852 or [murphyj@barnstablepolice.com](mailto:murphyj@barnstablepolice.com)



Keith NEWELL