

NASHUA POLICE DEPARTMENT **PRESS RELEASE**

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On January 19, 2017 at 11:22 am members of the Nashua Police Department Uniform Field Operations Bureau arrested Christopher Charles, age 34, of 37 Longhill Ave Apt #11, Springfield, Massachusetts, for Identity Fraud, Class A Felony. On January 17, 2017 Charles was arrested by the Springfield, Massachusetts Police Department and Charles waived extradition back to New Hampshire on January 18, 2017.

On December 5, 2016 members of the Uniform Field Operations Bureau were dispatched to the Sprint Kiosk, located inside Pheasant Lane Mall, 310 Daniel Webster Highway for a report of a fraud. Patrol officers learned a male was declined a purchase of a cell phone as the male appeared to be using someone else's identity. During this investigation they were alerted by the Sprint employee that a suspect in another fraud from November 29th was also currently in the mall. Patrol officers made contact with that second suspect who initially gave a false name but was ultimately identified as Christopher Charles.

Members of the Criminal Investigation Division were then assigned to further the investigation involving Christopher Charles. Detectives were able to determine that Charles used the identity of someone not known to him to purchase an iPhone 7 at the Sprint Kiosk on November 29, 2016. Detectives then completed an arrest warrant for Christopher Charles and charged him with Identity Fraud, Class A Felony.

A Class A Felony is punishable by up to fifteen years imprisonment, exclusive of fines. Charles bail set at \$10,000 cash and will be arraigned at the 9th Circuit-District Division-Nashua Court on January 20, 2017. If anyone has any further information regarding this case, please call the Nashua Police Department Crime Line 603-589-1665. Please follow the Nashua Police Department on Twitter @Nashuapolice.

