



# NASHUA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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On January 17, 2018 at approximately 5:30 p.m., members of the Nashua Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing Unit were conducting an investigation in the area of Major Drive. While in the area, officers had contact with Carmelita Vergez, 54 years old, of 11 Major Drive, Nashua, New Hampshire. During their contact, Vergez got into her vehicle, a 2004 Honda Odyssey. Vergez told officers that a male subject had been shot and was deceased inside her residence. Vergez then fled the area in her vehicle as the officers attempted to gather additional information from her.

Officers with the Uniformed Patrol Operations Bureau quickly located Vergez's vehicle on Allds Street and attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop by activating their blue emergency lights and siren. Vergez failed to stop her vehicle and led officers on a low to moderate speed pursuit to Main Street. Vergez then drove south on Main Street to the Daniel Webster Highway and crossed into Tyngsborough, Massachusetts. Tyngsborough Police took over the pursuit. While on the Daniel Webster Highway in the area of Adventure Way, Vergez caused a minor collision with another vehicle. That vehicle sustained minor damage and there were no injuries reported as a result of the collision. The pursuit continued through Tyngsborough and back onto Massachusetts Route 3 north and back into Nashua.

Nashua Officers resumed the pursuit northbound on the F.E. Everett Turnpike. Nashua Officers successfully deployed spike strips in the area of exit 5. Vergez's vehicle continued northbound to the exit 6 northbound off ramp where it struck another vehicle. No injuries were reported as a result of that collision. Vergez then ran from her vehicle and went over the guardrail, down the embankment, and towards the Nashua River. Officers quickly apprehended Vergez and placed her under arrest. The exit 6 northbound off ramp was shut down briefly to conduct the accident investigation. Nashua Police were assisted by New Hampshire State Police.

While some Nashua Officers pursued Vergez, other Nashua Officers responded to Vergez's residence to investigate her report of the individual who had been shot within her home. Officers made entry into the residence and determined there was nobody injured or deceased inside.

Vergez was charged with two counts of Disobeying a Police Officer, two counts of Conduct After an Accident, Resisting Detention, and Resisting Arrest. All are class A misdemeanor offenses. Vergez is currently being held at the Nashua Police Department awaiting the services of the bail commissioner.

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