



NASHUA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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On August 24, 2017 at approximately 7:30pm officers arrested John Coutu, age 58, of 23 Kingston Drive, Nashua, New Hampshire for: Resisting Detention/Arrest, Class A Misdemeanor; Falsifying Physical Evidence, Class B Felony, and Possession of a Controlled Drug, Class B Felony.

Patrol officers responded to Fields Grove Park for the report of suspicious person entering a motor vehicle. Patrol officers made contact with the male subject within the vehicle and identified him as Coutu. During the investigation Coutu removed a controlled drug from his pocket, and attempted to destroy the drug evidence. Coutu then struggled with patrol officers, and was placed under arrest.

Detectives from the Criminal Investigation Division furthered the investigation and one count of Falsifying Physical Evidence, Class B Felony, was added.

A Class B Felony is punishable by up to seven years imprisonment, exclusive of fines. A Class A Misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year in the County House of Corrections, exclusive of fines. Coutu was held on \$7,500.00 cash or surety bail at the Hillsborough County House of Corrections pending arraignment on August 25, 2017.

The Nashua Police Department requests anyone with more information about this incident to contact the Crime Line at (603)-589-1665. You can also follow the Nashua Police Department on Twitter @NashuaPolice.

