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On Tuesday January 3, 2017, members of the Nashua Police Department's Uniform Patrol Division arrested Maurice Wynn, age 30, of 34 High Street Apartment #1 Dorchester, Massachusetts and Keisha Celestin, age 25, of 60 Pearl Street Everett, Massachusetts, stemming from an incident at the Nashua Mall on Gusabel Avenue.

On Tuesday January 3, 2017, at approximately 8:30 p.m., Uniform Patrol Officers responded to Kohl's, 21 Gusabel Avenue, for the report of a shoplifting. Officer Dennis Pereira arrived on scene and encountered Maurice Wynn who was speaking to Kohl's Loss Prevention personnel. Upon seeing Officer Pereira Wynn fled the store. Wynn pulled away from the officer and ran out of the store where he got into waiting vehicle that was being operated by Keisha Celestin.

Officer Pereira pursued Wynn to the vehicle and a physical struggle ensued as the officer tried to remove Wynn from the vehicle. The officer was partially inside the vehicle as he struggled with Wynn who was fighting from the back seat. During the struggle Wynn told Celestin to drive as he reached to the front and put the car into gear. At this time Officer Pereira ordered Celestin to not drive the vehicle. With the officer still partially in the vehicle Celestin accelerated forcing the officer to let go of Wynn.

The vehicle then travelled through the parking lot where it collided with a parked vehicle. Following the crash both occupants fled on foot. Officer Lauren Collins was able to locate Celestin in the parking lot of the State of NH Liquor Store, 25 Coliseum Avenue. After a brief struggle Officer Collins and Officer Pereira were able to take Celestin into custody at approximately 8:43 p.m.

A Merrimack Police Department K9 unit arrived on scene to assist in locating Wynn. At approximately 9:32 p.m. the K9 tracked to a backyard of a residence on O'Neil's Court where Wynn was located hiding under a deck. He was taken into custody without further incident. Officer Pereira did not sustain serious injuries and did not require medical attention.

The Criminal Investigations Division furthered the investigation and determined that Celestin would be charged with Reckless Conduct, Class B Felony, two counts of Resisting Arrest or Detention, Class A Misdemeanor; and one count of Conduct After an Accident, Class A Misdemeanor. Wynn was charged with Criminal Solicitation of Reckless Conduct, Class B Felony; Theft by Unauthorized Taking, Class A Misdemeanor; two counts of Resisting Arrest or



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Detention, Class A Misdemeanor; and Possession of a Controlled Drug-Marijuana, Class A Misdemeanor.

A Class B Felony is punishable by up to 7 years in State Prison, exclusive of fines. Each Class A Misdemeanor is punishable by up to 1 year in the County House of Corrections, exclusive of fines. Wynn was held on \$3500 dollars cash bail and Celestin was held on \$3000 dollars cash bail. Both individuals are currently being held at the Hillsborough County House of Corrections pending their arraignments on January 4, 2017 at the 9th Circuit Court-Nashua District Division.

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.



Wynn



Celestin