



NASHUA POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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On December 29, 2020 at approximately 12:30 am, a Nashua Police Patrol Officer was working a traffic detail when he observed a vehicle pass him being driven by Scott Collier, age 39, of no fixed address. This officer knew Collier had an active arrest warrant and he notified surrounding officers of this. A short time later, other officers located a vehicle in the area of Hampshire Drive which matched the description of the vehicle driven by Collier. Officers made contact with an unidentified male who was standing a short distance from the vehicle near the entrance to 1 Hampshire Drive. As officers tried to identify this male, who fit the description of Collier, but was concealed with a hat and mask, a second male exited the back of the vehicle and started to run away. Officers gave chase and were able to take this male into custody and identify him as Michael Demeritt, age 41, of 246 Ten Rod Road, Farmington, New Hampshire. During their pursuit of Demeritt, the other male ran from officers as well and he was not immediately apprehended.

The vehicle was secured and detectives furthered the investigation. Detectives located two firearms inside of the vehicle, one of which had been previously reported stolen. Detectives also located a taser, fake badges, a ski mask, hand held radios, and handcuffs. Detectives determined that Demeritt had been in possession of one of the firearms prior to exiting the vehicle and that the driver, identified as Collier, had been in possession of the other. Both Collier and Demeritt have extensive criminal records, to include prior felony convictions in the State of New Hampshire. During their investigation, detectives were able to determine that Collier had fled to 24 Lock Street Apartment A and was hiding from the police. The Special Weapons and Tactics team (SWAT) was activated and with the assistance of the Narcotics Intelligence Division, the Problem Oriented Policing Unit, patrol officers, and other detectives, they were able to locate Collier inside of 24 Lock Street Apartment 1, and take him into custody at approximately 1:00 am on December 30, 2020.

Scott Collier was initially arrested by SWAT on an outstanding Capias out of Hillsborough County Superior Court South and he was held on no bail pending his arraignment on December 31, 2020. Based upon their investigation detectives completed a separate warrant and arrested Collier at the Hillsborough County House of Corrections on December 30, 2020. Collier was charged with Armed Career Criminal, Special Felony, Felon in Possession of a Dangerous Weapon, Class B Felony, Receiving Stolen Property, Class A Felony, and Resisting Arrest/Detention, Class A Misdemeanor. Collier also had an outstanding warrant for Identity Fraud, Class A Felony, and that charge was brought forward



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as well. Collier was held on preventative detention pending his arraignment on December 31, 2020.

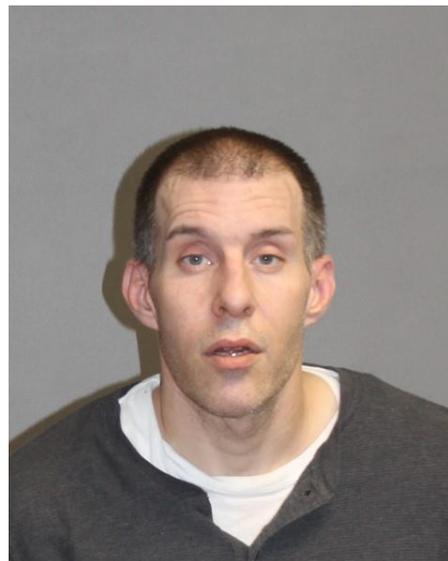
Michael Demeritt was charged with Armed Career Criminal, Special Felony, Felon in Possession of a Dangerous Weapon, Class B Felony and two counts of Resisting Arrest or Detention, Class A Misdemeanor. Demeritt was arraigned on December 30, 2020 and is being held on preventative detention.

A Special Felony is subject to imprisonment as designated by sentencing guidelines, pursuant to the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated. A Class A Felony is punishable by up to 15 years in prison exclusive of fines, and a Class B Felony is punishable by up to seven years of imprisonment, exclusive of fines. Each Class A Misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year in the County House of Corrections, exclusive of fines.

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



Scott Collier



Michael Demeritt