



NASHUA POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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On April 5, 2017 at approximately 12:46 PM members of the Nashua Police Department's Uniform Field Operations Bureau arrested Elisha Nakoma, age 33, of 12 ½ Hunt Street apartment #3, Nashua, New Hampshire, for Witness Tampering, Class B Felony; Breach of Bail Conditions, Class A Misdemeanor; and Stalking, Class A Misdemeanor.

On January 24, 2017 at approximately 9:03 AM, the Nashua Police Department was notified about a possible witness tampering that occurred in Nashua in January of 2017. Detectives from the Special Investigations Division were notified and furthered the investigation. The victim of the witness tampering is the victim in a pending case in which Nakoma was arrested. That arrest was on December 24, 2016 in Nashua and made by Nashua Police Department. At that time, Nakoma was charged with two counts of Domestic Violence, Class A Misdemeanor and two counts of Simple Assault. On December 25, 2016 Nakoma was issued bail conditions that prohibited from having any contact with the victim, to include third party contact. Nakoma was bailed from Valley Street Jail on December 30, 2016, but taken into custody by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

During the investigation it was determined that Nakoma, while being held at the Strafford County House of Corrections for his pending immigration situation, communicated a message to a visitor of his. Nakoma requested his visitor contact the victim of his December 2016 arrest in Nashua and tell the witness not go to court and not to press charges.

Following an investigation, detectives applied for and were granted a warrant for Nakoma's arrest. With the assistance from Immigration and Customs Enforcement, custody of Nakoma was transferred to Nashua Police and Nakoma was arrested on the warrant. Nakoma was charged with Witness Tampering, Class B Felony; Breach of Bail Conditions, Class A Misdemeanor; and Stalking, Class A Misdemeanor.

A Class B Felony is punishable by up to seven years in State Prison, exclusive of fines. A Class A Misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year in the House of Corrections, exclusive of fines. Nakoma is being held at the Hillsborough County House of Corrections pending his arraignment at the 9th Circuit-District Division-Nashua Court on April 6, 2017.

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