

71-year old man arrested for OUI after crashing into a building in Wareham

Wareham Police officers responded to 367 Main Street at 1:42 p.m. on Tuesday for a vehicle struck a building. At the scene, emergency responders confirmed that a vehicle had gone directly into the building. There were no injuries; however the operator of the vehicle appeared to be highly intoxicated, and the building was severely damaged.

71-year old John P. Lopes, of Marion, was placed under arrest by officers Jennifer Braley and Calib Larue. He is charged with operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, speeding, and failure to stop at a stop sign.



Chief of Police John Walcek said, "Incidents with people driving under the influence are very troubling. In these particular cases, we are lucky that no one was seriously

injured or killed because of someone's reckless conduct." He added, "Our police department has zero tolerance for people who selfishly choose to endanger lives while behind the wheel."

