

Acushnet Police arrest New Bedford man hiding in closet after alleged armed robbery

“On Friday, June 21, 2024, at approximately 10:02PM, Acushnet Police responded to New England Farms gas station/convenience store at 158 Main Street, Acushnet in response to a report of an armed robbery involving a firearm.

According to information gathered at the scene, the suspect dressed in all black with his sweatshirt hood up, a mask covering the lower portion of his face, and wearing gloves entered the store. He immediately brandished a firearm and demanded money from the clerk. After receiving the cash from the register, the suspected exited the store and was last seen heading toward Wing Road.

Information gathered at the scene led officers to identify a suspect associated with a nearby residence. Officers then went to 170 Main Street. After a brief conversation with the resident, he allowed officers to search the home. At 11:35PM, officers located the suspect hiding in a bedroom closet. He was taken into custody without incident. Among the items also recovered was the cash believed to be from the robbery as well as the clothing and the Glock replica BB pistol used in the robbery.

Arrested was 36-year-old James E. Stanzione with a last known address of 162 Brooklawn Court in New Bedford.

Stanzione is being charged with robbery while armed with a firearm & masked (MGL Chapter 265 section 17). He was also taken into custody on three unrelated outstanding arrest warrants. He was set to be arraigned in New Bedford District Court on Monday morning, June 24, 2024.

“This demonstrates the diligence and teamwork that exemplifies the Acushnet Police Department,” said Acushnet Police Chief Christopher Richmond. “All officers performed admirably in quickly apprehending an armed criminal.

I also want to thank the officers from the Fairhaven and Mattapoisett Police Departments that assisted at the scene. This is yet another example of the dangers the region’s police officers regularly face.”-Acushnet Police Department.