

# **Elderly man detained after allegedly attempting to forcibly enter candidate for mayor Tyson Moultrie's residence**

New Bedford police report that a confused, elderly man was detained after allegedly forcibly trying to enter candidate for New Bedford Mayor Richard Tyson Moultrie's residence multiple times just before 5 am on Friday morning.

Mr. Moultrie lives with his girlfriend and child at 138 Rotch Street in New Bedford. His brother, sister-in-law and a total of three small children were at home during the incident.

"Our dog and camera door alarm system alerted us that someone was entering the home. At first, my girlfriend thought it was my brother", said Mr. Moultrie.

Mr. Moultrie stated his girlfriend called the police while he went to the door to check out the disturbance. According to the police report and Mr. Moultrie himself, the man attempted access to the house three times claiming to live at the home. Mr. Moultrie states that he struggled to keep the man out of the house by holding the door shut, but after the man's third attempt he banged a piece of wood against a wall to stop the man from going further. Mr. Moultrie states he did not strike the man but used the swing as a warning.

According to Mr. Moultrie, the police responded very quickly and interviewed the man. Mr. Moultrie submitted photos to us showing damage to the front door although the police report states Mr. Moultrie claimed no damage to the property. Mr. Moultrie states that the report is inaccurate and he is

submitting a supplemental report with the photos to the police today.

According to New Bedford Police, the man was bleeding from the head, seemed confused and was sent to St. Luke's Hospital for evaluation. Police report that the man lives a block away from Moultrie's residence and a family member of the elderly man stated to investigators that he has had recent memory and confusion issues.

Currently, the police logs report 'assist citizen' and no charges are being filed.