

# Massachusetts State Police and K9s “Flash” and “Mattis” capture B&E suspect in Wareham

Last Friday evening the Massachusetts State Police K9 Unit helped Wareham Police search for four suspects who broke into an apartment on Swifts Beach Road.

At around 5 p.m., Wareham Police received a 911 call reporting a breaking and entering in progress. Wareham Police located the suspect vehicle and attempted to stop it. The driver refused to stop and fled down Littleton Drive. When the suspect vehicle reached the end of that street, the four suspects bailed out and fled on foot. Wareham Police apprehended one suspect immediately, and captured a second within minutes.

Two MSP K9 teams, Trooper Steven Culver and his partner, Flash, and Trooper Brandyn Henson and his partner, Mattis, arrived on-scene to assist in the search for the remaining suspects.

Flash tracked from the suspects' vehicle to an area where there were bike trails, some small bodies of water, and power lines, but the track stopped there. Mattis was deployed from the suspects' last known location. Mattis acquired a scent and tracked towards Rock Marsh Road. He pulled through thick brush and along dirt bike trails until he reached a dense thicket shortly before 6 p.m., where he showed a proximity alert.

Trooper Henson gave verbal commands ordering any suspect in the brush to surrender. Mattis continued to track to the other side of the dense brush, at which time a voice stated, “ok, ok, I give up.” The suspect surrendered and was taken into

custody by Trooper Quentin Tavares, who responded to assist while on a patrol out of State Police-Bourne. Troopers walked the suspect out of the woods onto Rock Marsh Road, where he was transferred to Wareham Police custody.

The search for the fourth suspect continued in the area of Route 6 and Swifts Beach Road but the suspect was not located. Wareham Police continues to investigate.