New Bedford Police make arrest following series of B&Es in trucks

"New Bedford, MA - Major Crime Detectives have concluded an investigation into repeated thefts from commercial trucks here in the City.

DANIEL PEDRO, 47, of 1669 Acushnet Ave., has been arrested concerning a series of vehicle breaks during which tens of thousands of dollars' worth of tools and air compressors were stolen. All of these incidents occurred late at night/early morning hours, and entry was gained by breaking windows.

PEDRO was taken into custody on July 10th after detectives stopped him. At the time of his arrest, numerous tools, including a Husky Air compressor, Milwaukee toolbox, and Rigid Shop Vac were located in the rear of his truck.



As a result of this investigation into his activities, PEDRO is now charged with:

- Twelve counts of breaking and entering into a vehicle/or boat
- Eight counts of Larceny over \$1,200

- Larceny of a motor vehicle
- Receiving stolen property greater than \$1,200
- Operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked license

Detective Matthew Sylvia was the lead investigator, and more charges may follow.

PEDRO has an extensive criminal history with 120 adult arraignments on his record. Although 47 of those cases were dismissed, he has numerous convictions for a variety of offenses, including 13 charges of breaking and entering.

PEDRO was held on \$30,000 bail and is currently in the custody of the Bristol County Sheriff's Department.

"With such an extensive history of victimizing hard-working citizens, it appears as though incarceration is the only option for this career criminal. My thanks to the court for setting a \$30k bail, and to DA Tom Quinn's Office for their continued diligence as they proceed forward with this case," said Chief Paul Oliveira. "I'd also like to acknowledge the hard work of Det. Matthew Sylvia and our Detective Division."

Have you had tools or similar equipment stolen from your vehicle recently? If so, detectives would like to hear from you — perhaps we have recovered them. Contact our detective division at (508) 991-6300 and speak with Det. Matthew Sylvia at extension #79531."-City of New Bedford Police Department.