

New Bedford Police arrest two in alleged break-ins, larcenies, and vandalism

“Footprints in freshly fallen snow led NBPD Patrol Officers to arresting Christopher Desousa, 18, 371 Reed St., and Isaiah Malik Poindexter, 19, 130 Summer St., Apt. #1, on Dec. 17 in relation to a series of five breaks in the Buttonwood Park area between Nov. 11 and Dec. 17.

Desousa and Poindexter were both charged with numerous counts of larceny, several counts of break and entry, multiple counts of property-related offenses, destruction of property, and vandalism as a result of the overnight breaks. Both were released without bail by Judge J. Harrington after arraignment at Third District court on Dec. 17.

“I am disappointed in the quick release of these suspects, considering the spree of crime by the individuals, the victims they impacted, and the time and effort invested by our officers. I would imagine this is not comforting to the community and the officers that work so diligently to apprehend criminals and protect the community from victimization,” said Chief Joseph Cordeiro.

Cumulatively, the incidents resulted in the theft of more than \$1500, numerous electronics, and wrapped presents along with damaged property at the Buttonwood Park Zoo, Down to Earth, and the Buttonwood Senior Center.

After responding to an alarm at the New Bedford Senior Center at 1 Oneida St. on Dec. 17, Officers located two sets of fresh tracks in the snow heading south towards the woods at Buttonwood Park Zoo. Officers located three bags of presents upon following the tracks.

The tracks then continued up against the fence line heading

west. At the same time, two males were located walking west on Hawthorn St. and based on Officers' findings, Desousa and Poindexter were taken into custody. Officer Kyle King was the arresting officer.