

Disturbance in south-end leads to struggle, arrest of New Bedford man with 19 adult arraignments

"NEW BEDFORD – Police have arrested a man on weapons charges following a south-end disturbance.

On Sunday, July 7th, patrol officers responded to the area of David St. and Salisbury St. regarding a man who had just brandished a firearm. Upon arrival, Officer James Sullivan located the male, who he saw reaching into a cross-body bag he had been wearing. As Officer Sullivan attempted to engage him, he quickly tossed this bag to the ground.

Ofc. Sullivan then attempted to secure the man when he suddenly pushed away and tried to flee from the scene. Although resisting, he was eventually taken into custody and placed into restraints with the help of a good Samaritan. The suspect was then identified as Mr. MARCELL GONCALVES, 27, of 25 Dudley St.

As officers arrived on the scene to assist, GONCALVES was found to have a pair of brass knuckles and a knife in his possession. The bag that GONCALVES had tossed was found to contain a P80 Polymer "Ghost gun" with no serial number. The gun was loaded with 12 rounds of 9mm ammunition.

GONCALVES was taken into custody and charged with numerous serious offenses, including carrying a large-capacity loaded firearm without a license, assault with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, and possession of a firearm without a serial number. GONCALVES has a previous conviction for possession of a firearm stemming from a case in 2018. He also has an open case for possession of a high-capacity feeding device from an

incident in April of this year.

GONCALVES has 19 adult arraignments on his record, 13 of which resulted in dismissals at court. He is currently held without bail at the Dartmouth House of Correction.

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