

## **News Release**

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**Dunbarton, NH**

#### **Rhode Island Man Facing Multiple Charges in Dunbarton**

During the late evening hours of May 28<sup>th</sup> and then again during the morning hours of May 29<sup>th</sup> Dunbarton Police officers responded to a Mansion Road residence for reports of an unwanted subject and a subsequent domestic disturbance report at the residence. When officers arrived for the first report the unwanted subject who is the ex-boyfriend of one of the residents of the home had already fled the scene. After a lengthy search of the area officers were unable to locate the subject.

At approximately 5:45 AM on May 29<sup>th</sup> officers were again summoned to the Mansion Road residence as a result of a telephone call placed to 911 reporting some kind of a domestic disturbance. The identity and information regarding the suspect and his activities was broadcast to nearby police units after learning that he had once again fled the scene. A short time later the subject was located and stopped by a Bow Police officer.

As a result of their investigation Dunbarton Police arrested:

Edward Francis age 32  
Bradford Street  
Bristol, Rhode Island

Through their investigation police learned that the electrical power to the residence on Mansion Road along with the power to approximately 309 other residents had been shut off for a period of just over one hour. Police allege that Francis disconnected the power service from a Public Service Utility pole on Stark Highway South. PSNH line workers responded to the area to restore power to the 300 plus customers.

The police also alleged that Francis appeared at the Mansion Road residence on several occasions during May 28 and 29 and refused to leave the residence when asked to do so. Ultimately it is alleged that Francis returned and entered the home without permission while the residents slept during the early morning hours.

As a result of his alleged actions at the Mansion Road residence, Francis was charged with Stalking and Criminal Trespass both of which are misdemeanors. He was also charged with a Class B Felony Criminal Mischief for causing a substantial interruption in the supply of electrical power to the area.

Francis was arraigned on the charges in Concord District this morning. He is being held at the Merrimack County House of Correction on \$10,000.00 cash bail. A probable cause hearing is scheduled for June 10, 2010 at 10:00 AM at the Concord District Court.

