

CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



William M. Breault Chief of Police



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Chief William Breault of the Dover Police Department announces the arrest of Joseph Bolobanic, age 34, of 632 Smithfield Road, Belgrade, Maine, on the charge of Reckless Conduct, a felony.

On September 28, 2019, at approximately 2:41AM, the Dover Police Communications Center received multiple reports of shots fired in the area of Pleasant View Circle and Whittier Street. Pleasant View Circle, Mineral Park Drive, and parts of Whittier Street comprise a portion of Whittier Falls Housing, a thickly settled residential area.

While investigating, officers witnessed Mr. Bolobanic begin arguing with a female party inside a residence. During the course of the investigation, Mr. Bolobanic admitted he had a handgun inside the residence, but initially denied firing any shots. Investigating officers located eleven empty shell casings in the grass in close proximity to the building. Mr. Bolobanic subsequently admitted he discharged a Sig Sauer handgun roughly eleven or twelve times outside the residence as a way to "blow off steam." Officers seized the handgun and placed Mr. Bolobanic under arrest for Reckless Conduct.

Mr. Bolobanic was released on \$2,500 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to be arraigned at the Strafford County Superior Court on October 10, 2019 at 12:30 PM.

Further inquiries may be directed to Captain Brad Gould or the on duty Shift Commander. Anyone with further information about this case is asked to call the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646 or the Dover Crimeline at 603-749-6000. The Dover Crimeline can also be contacted via www.dovernhcrimeline.org.