

CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr.
Chief of Police

Press Release **April 29, 2016**

Chief Anthony Colarusso of the Dover Police Department announces an arrest in connection with a domestic violence incident on April 29, 2016.

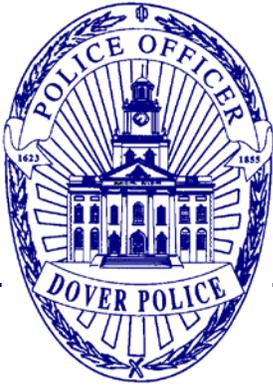
At approximately 3:30 AM on April 29, 2016, Dover Police Department officers responded to an address on Cherrywood Drive in Dover to check on the welfare of an adult female. The police were called by a friend of the woman, who reported she had been on the phone with her and had heard her scream. When the police arrived on-scene, they were unable to locate the woman or her vehicle. Family members reported they did not know where the woman was, and DPD officers immediately began attempting to locate her.

At approximately 5:00 AM the woman was located. She reported that when she returned home from work at approximately 3:25 AM, an ex-boyfriend, Earl L. Shaffer, 35, had forced her into her own vehicle, taken her cell phone, and held her against her will while he drove her vehicle through Dover and Rochester. The victim reported Shaffer eventually allowed her to leave. Officers were able to recover physical evidence as well.

Dover Police officers arrested Shaffer at his residence without incident at approximately 5:12 AM. Shaffer, of 149 Potland Avenue #30, Dover, was charged with:

- Kidnapping, a Class B felony
- Violation of a Protective Order, a misdemeanor
- Two counts of Simple Assault, both misdemeanors
- Theft, a misdemeanor
- Taking Without Owner's Consent, a misdemeanor
- Operating After Suspension, a violation.

Shaffer was held without bail at the Strafford County House of Correction and will be arraigned on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 8:45 AM in Strafford County Superior Court.



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This case is being investigated by the Dover Police Department's Special Investigations Bureau. Anyone with information about this particular male subject or this incident is asked to call the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646. Anonymous tips may be called into the Dover Crimeline at 603-749-6000. The Dover Crimeline can also be contacted via www.dovernhcrimeline.org.

Media inquiries concerning this case can be directed to Lieutenant Brant Dolleman of the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646.

