

CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. of the Dover Police Department announces two recent arrests involving the same individual.

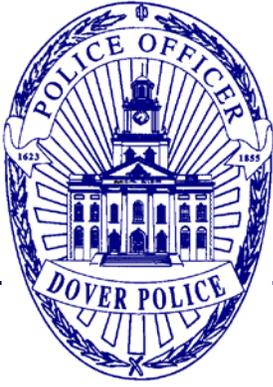
On October 19, 2016 at approximately 4:41 PM officers of the Dover Police Department responded to the area of Washington and Arch Street for a report of a suspicious person who had approached a house in that area. In checking the area, officers ultimately located Christopher Hughes, 45, and Bryan Frank, 37, walking on the railroad tracks between Arch Street and Littleworth Road. Both men were arrested and charged with Criminal Trespassing, a misdemeanor, for being on the railroad tracks. Both men were subsequently released on \$500.00 personal recognizance bail with an arraignment date of February 13, 2017, in the Seventh Circuit Court – Dover District. Hughes was released from police custody at approximately 7:00 PM.

At approximately 9:08 PM, Dover police officers, along with Dover Fire and Rescue, were called to the Dover Shell gas station and convenience store at 169 Silver Street for a man with head injuries. Officers spoke to the man, 30, who reported he had been strangled and punched by a subject on Rutland Street after a dispute over money. The victim provided a description of the suspect that matched that of Hughes. Officers were able to locate Hughes in the area Central Avenue and Kirkland Street.

The victim was transported by Dover Fire and Rescue to Wentworth-Douglass Hospital where he was treated for multiple lacerations to his head and arms, and subsequently released.

After an investigation by the responding patrol officers and follow-up investigation by DPD detectives, Hughes was arrested and charged with Second Degree Assault, a Class B Felony for strangling the victim; Simple Assault, a Class A misdemeanor for punching the victim; and Indirect Criminal Contempt; a Class A misdemeanor for violating the conditions of his bail on the Criminal Trespass charge. The arrest took place at Dover Police headquarters at approximately 12:20 AM on October 20, 2016.

Hughes, who has a last known address of 6 Pearson Street, Nashua, New Hampshire, refused the services of a bail commissioner and is being held at the Strafford County



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House of Corrections. He is scheduled for arraignment at 1:00 PM on October 20, 2016 in Strafford County Superior Court.

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.

