



CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Press Release



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The Dover Police Department announces the arrest of John Freeman, age 39, of 149 Portland Avenue, Dover, NH, for the crime of False Reports to Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor.

On May 21, 2017, Freeman contacted the Dover Police Department to report he had been robbed on the night of May 20, 2017. Freeman alleged he was walking in the downtown area when he was approached from behind by an unknown man who claimed to be armed and demanded cash from Freeman. Freeman claimed he gave the unknown man money and the man fled on foot. Freeman said he himself then returned home, and did not report the incident until over twelve hours later.

Through follow-up investigation, detectives from the DPD's Special Investigations Bureau were able to determine Freeman's report was in fact untrue and he had not been robbed on the night in question. A warrant was generated for his arrest for making the false report.

Freeman turned himself in at Dover Police headquarters at approximately 9:00 AM on June 19, 2017. He was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance bail pending arraignment in the Seventh Circuit Court – Dover District -- on August 28, 2017.

Anyone with 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.

Further media questions regarding this case should be directed to the on duty shift commander of the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646.