



# CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## **Media Release** **July 17, 2019**

Chief William Breault of the Dover Police Department announced the arrest of individuals related to numerous recent incidents of theft from vehicles occurring within the City.

On July 17, 2019, the Dover Police Department arrested Joseph L. Saylor, age 31, with no fixed address, for the crimes of Criminal Trespass and two counts of Receiving Stolen Property as well as Robert A. Martins, age 32, also with no fixed address, for the crimes of two counts of Receiving Stolen Property and three counts of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card.

On July 17, 2019 at approximately 1:40 AM, police responded to a suspicious activity report in the area of Locust Street and Monroe Street after a resident observed a subject wearing a red shirt, dark shorts, and backpack go through an unlocked car and leave the area on foot. Responding officers subsequently located a subject fitting this description in the vicinity and identified him as Joseph L. Saylor. Saylor was subsequently placed under arrest for the charge of Criminal Trespass and taken to headquarters for processing at which point he was found to be in possession of credit and debit cards that did not bear his name. The owners of the cards were contacted and Saylor was subsequently charged with two additional counts of Receiving Stolen Property. He was held on cash bail and is scheduled to appear for arraignment at the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court – District Division Dover – on July 18, 2019 11:00 AM

Additionally, on July 2, 2019, Dover Police took a theft report from a Lexington Street resident who reported various items, including a debit card, had been stolen from her vehicle. The victim advised her card had been used at the Family Dollar on Chestnut Street and the 7-Eleven convenience store locate at 530 Central Avenue. Subsequent investigation identified the suspect in possession of the card on surveillance as Robert A. Martins, age 32, who is a transient in the Dover area. An arrest warrant was obtained for Martins for two counts of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card and one count of Receiving Stolen Property. Martins was located and arrested by police on July 16, 2019 at



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approximately 3:00 PM and released on personal recognizance bail pending arraignment at the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court – District Division Dover – on September 9, 2019 at 8:15 AM.

Dover Police have since linked Martins to two additional cases. Information has been obtained linking him to a debit card stolen from a vehicle on July 12, 2019 and used at Janetos Supermarket later that day as well as a debit card stolen from a vehicle on Hartswood Road between July 15-16, 2019 and used at 7-Eleven at 530 Central Avenue on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Officers located Martin on July 17<sup>th</sup> at approximately 3:30 PM and took him into custody on warrants for Receiving Stolen and Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card. Martins was held on cash bail and is scheduled for arraignment on July 18, 2019.

The Dover Police Department continues to investigate Martins' and Saylor's involvement in numerous other thefts from vehicles. Since June 1, 2019, the police department has responded to at least twenty-five reports of thefts from parked vehicles. Twenty of these incidents involved unlocked vehicles, primarily in residential neighborhoods, whereas the remaining five incidents involved forced entry where the suspect(s) broke vehicle windows and stole purses from inside.

The police department continues to request that that any suspicious activity be reported to police dispatch at (603) 742-4646 as the general public can be of great help in noticing suspicious behavior.

Anyone with further information about these cases 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](http://www.dovernhcrimeline.org).

Media inquiries concerning this case can be directed to Captain Brad Gould of the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646.

