



# AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Press Release

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### **Off-duty-officer discovers stolen vehicle, leads to Amherst pursuit**

A 23-year-old male faces multiple charges after a vehicle pursuit ended near an East Pleasant Street residence.

On May 8, 2019, shortly before 9 p.m., an off-duty Amherst police officer observed a male acting suspiciously at the Irving gas station on South Albion Street. The officer ran the licence plate of the vehicle and discovered the vehicle was reported stolen out of the Dartmouth area.

Officers began searching for the vehicle, which was later spotted on Church Street. A vehicle stop was initiated by police, but the vehicle sped away from the scene as soon as the officer stepped out of the vehicle.

Officers and members of the Cumberland Integrated Street Crime section pursued the vehicle, which ended up entering a property on East Pleasant Street where it got stuck in the soft ground.

A male bailed out of the vehicle and fled to a nearby wooded area. Officers engaged in a foot pursuit and apprehended the male as he had attempted to conceal himself in the woods.

The male was arrested and is facing the following charges:

- Theft of a Motor Vehicle
- Possession of Property obtained by Crime
- Flight from a Peace Officer
- Obstructing a Peace Officer
- 3 breaches of a Recognizance Order
- 2 Fail to Comply Probation Order
- Driving without a Licence

The male was held in custody and is scheduled to appear in Amherst provincial court on May 9.

If anyone has any information on this incident, they are asked to contact the Amherst Police Department at 902-667-7227.

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