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DUXBURY MAN INDICTED ON GUN, IMPERSONATING POLICE OFFICER CHARGES

PLYMOUTH – A Duxbury man has been indicted on charges he possessed illegal firearms, possessed an incendiary device, received stolen property and impersonated a member of law enforcement, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Late Tuesday, a Plymouth County Grand Jury returned indictments against Christopher Barlow (DOB: 12/13/96) of Duxbury. Barlow was indicted on seven counts of Unlawful Possession of a Large Capacity Feeding Device, six counts of Receiving Stolen Property, three counts of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition without and FID Card, and one count each of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Impersonating a Police Officer, Possession of an Incendiary Device and Unlawful Carrying of a Dangerous Weapon.

An investigation began on June 9, 2017 after a member of the Easton, Connecticut Police Department contacted Duxbury Police regarding Barlow, a college student working in the Easton Volunteer Fire Station as a volunteer. Easton, Conn. Police were concerned that Barlow was in possession of keys to a storage cabinet he was not authorized to have. Upon opening the storage cabinet, Easton, Ct. Police located four bags of powder chemicals, a plastic case for a Glock 17 handgun, some ammunition and a small plastic storage bin with the words "Thermite" on it.

Duxbury Police went to the home of Barlow but were denied access and a family member turned in a Glock handgun belonging to Christopher Barlow. A short time later, Barlow arrived at the Duxbury Police station demanding to know why police had his handgun. Barlow told police he did not have a license to carry a weapon in Massachusetts and that he was exempt because he worked for Homeland Security, showing them a Homeland Security badge. Duxbury Police contacted the Department of Homeland Security who confirmed that Barlow did not work there.

Based on information gathered as part of the investigation, Duxbury Police obtained a search warrant for the home where Barlow lives. There, Duxbury Police located two long guns, a .22 caliber Ruger, a Winchester 30-06, parts to build a Glock 19 and a Ruger LC9, a 9 mm handgun, large capacity magazines and numerous boxes of ammunition. A cardboard box was additionally discovered in the home with red iron oxide, aluminum powder and magnesium ribbon, the components of Thermite. Also located were numerous stolen items including hand held radios, a defibrillator and medical bags with stolen medical equipment.

Duxbury Police also applied for and obtained an arrest warrant and Barlow was placed under arrest on June 26, 2017. Upon arrest, police discovered an additional 9 mm handgun on Barlow along with two loaded magazines and a stolen gas mask. Barlow was arraigned on the charges in Plymouth District Court. He will now be arraigned in Superior Court on the indictments at a later date.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nathaniel Kennedy and the investigation was conducted by Duxbury Police, Easton, Connecticut Police, the Connecticut State Police, US Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Massachusetts State Police.

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