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Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest for Break into Hingham Business

Hingham, MA – An overnight traffic stop led to the arrest of a Taunton man and a Brockton woman for a break into a Hingham gas station which had not yet been reported.

On October 12, 2016 at 2:46am, Officer James Brady noticed a car on North St. in Hingham Square driving through an area of closed businesses. Officers were aware of recent overnight business breaks in nearby communities. The Officer conducted computer check of the car's registration, found it had no inspection sticker, and pulled it over on North St. near Beal St.

As the car pulled over, the driver and passenger began reaching into the back seat. Officers noticed the driver was bleeding from a fresh cut on hand. Further investigation resulted in Officers finding several pipes consistent with smoking crack cocaine near the front seat. On the back seat was a large black hockey bag that contained 273 packages of cigarettes, a plastic display shelf, cigars, cash, and fuel slips for Eli's Auto Service at 9 Short Street in Hingham.

Officers responded to Eli's Auto Service and found a side window smashed. The burglar alarm had not been activated. A review of the businesses surveillance video shows a man, believed to be the driver, smashing the window then clearing the remaining glass pieces away using his hand. The man then puts numerous items from the business into a large black bag. A safe containing cash was also missing from the business. The safe has not yet been recovered.

The driver and passenger were arrested. The driver, Shawn A. Holland, age 43, of 815 Burt Street, Taunton, MA was charged with: 1) Breaking Entering Nighttime for a Felony 2) Breaking into a Depository 3) Larceny Over \$250 4) Possession of a Burglarious Instrument 5) Larceny from a Building 6) Malicious Destruction of Property 7) Receiving Stolen Property Over \$250 8) Common and Notorious Thief 9) No Inspection Sticker. He also had two Default Warrants from Plymouth District Court, one for Larceny Over \$250 and one for Larceny Over \$250 and Carrying a Dangerous Weapon.

The passenger, Mary B. Hagopian, age 44, of 19 Division Street, Brockton, MA was charged with: 1) Breaking Entering Nighttime for a Felony 2) Breaking into a Depository 3) Larceny Over \$250 4) Possession of a Burglarious Instrument 5) Larceny from a Building 6) Malicious Destruction of Property 7) Receiving Stolen Property Over \$250.

Both were arraigned on October 12 at Hingham District Court. Holland was held on \$20,000 cash bail and Hagopian was held on \$2,000 cash bail. Both are due to return to court on October 31.

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