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Man Charged With Breaking into Restaurant

Hingham, MA – A Yarmouth Port man was arrested Friday for allegedly breaking into a restaurant. The man fled on foot and was tracked into the woods by a Sheriff's Department K9. He was also charged with possession of several drugs including crystal methamphetamine.

On Friday, September 13, 2019 at 2:30am Officers responded to the Scarlet Oak Restaurant at 1217 Main St. for a burglar alarm triggered by motion on the second floor. Officers noticed a car in the parking lot with a door partially open and the key in the ignition. They also found the restaurant front door closed but the lock had been removed. Officers searched inside the restaurant. In the attic they found a hole where a fan had been removed to gain access from outside. It appeared the suspect had triggered the motion alarm on the second floor. With the alarm sounding, the suspect attempted to run out the front door but found it was locked. He removed the lock from inside to open it and fled on foot. Norwell Police arrived to assist in securing a perimeter.

Plymouth County Sheriff's Department K9 Heath and his partner, Lt. James Creed, arrived and began a track. They located a man hiding in a swampy heavily wooded area behind the restaurant. He was covered in mud, bare foot and holding a cell phone. He was placed under arrest without incident. A small amount of crystal methamphetamines was found in his pocket.

Inside the parked car were items belonging to the man arrested. A bag in the car contained Gabapentin pills, Adderall pills and a Suboxone strip. The car was towed.

Arrested was Christopher A. Dalton, age 41, of 12 Pine Reach, Yarmouth Port, MA. He was charged with: 1) Breaking and Entering Nighttime for a Felony 2) Malicious Destruction of Property Over \$1,200 3) Possession Class A Substance 4) Possession Class B Substance 5) Possession Class B Substance 6) Possession Class E Substance. He was held overnight on \$300 bail and arraigned at Hingham District Court on September 13.

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