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Barnstable Police Department Press Release

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Barnstable SCU Dog Rescue from a Locked Vehicle Results in Drug Arrest

On 04/09/2013, Members of the Barnstable Street Crime Unit (SCU) were on patrol in the area of Cape Cod Community College (CCCC), Rte 132, Barnstable. At 2:30pm, SCU members Mashpee Officer Mike Assad and Barnstable Deputy Kim Saladino were at CCCC in the area of parking lot number 7. They observed a red 1996 Honda Civic. The vehicle was unoccupied but did contain a Golden Retriever. Due to the sunny 70 degree temperature today ASSAD and SALADINO checked on the welfare of the dog. The vehicle window was partially open but the vehicle was parked in direct sunlight. ASSAD is also a K-9 Officer. The vehicle was locked and contained no water for the dog. They contacted CCCC Police and requested assistance. CCCC Police Chief Phil Ryan confirmed the vehicle owner, later identified as Peter M Giblin, age 25, of North Eastham, was a student. Attempts to locate GILBINS on school grounds proved negative. His last schedule class had ended at 12:45pm. RYAN attempted to contact him by calling his cellular telephone but he did not answer. ASSAD was able to provide the apparently dehydrated dog water through the partially open window while further attempts were being made to locate GILBIN's.

Barnstable Animal Control Officer Charles Lewis responded. He was able to measure the temperature inside the vehicle at 106 degrees. Both ASSAD and LEWIS indicated concern for the dog's welfare at this temperature with no water and GILBIN's nowhere to be found. ASSAD was directed to open the locked dog. He was able to open the door and LEWIS took control of the dog. Located inside the vehicle in plain view was a mason style jar. The jar contained six (6) individual plastic bag of marijuana. The marijuana was packaged in a manner for sale.

The dog, later identified as COOPER, was taken to Barnstable Animal Control for further follow up. ASSAD and SALADINO waited at the vehicle with RYAN for GILBIN's return. At 3:40pm, GIBLIN returned to his vehicle. When questioned by ASSAD and SALADINO about the situation he was uncooperative. GILBIN was charged with the following:

1. Cruelty to Animals
2. Possession of class D/marijuana with intent to distribute.



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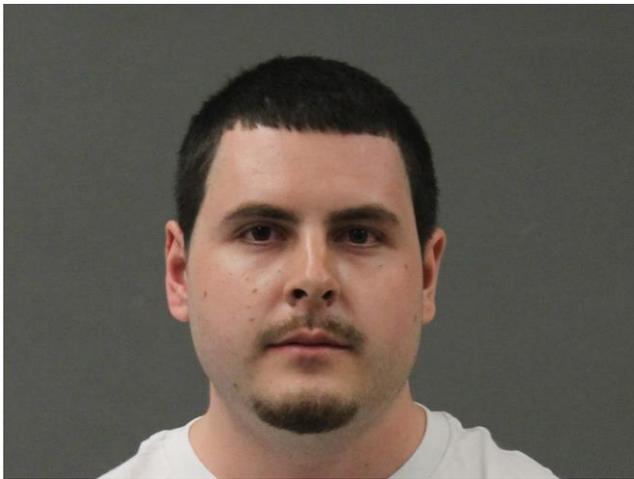
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GIBLIN was transported to the Barnstable Police Department and booked. He will be arraigned in Barnstable District Court on Wednesday April 10th.

Attached to this release is an arrest photograph. If you have any questions relating to this release please contact Lt John Murphy, at MurphyJ@barnstablepolice.com



GIBLIN

