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Suspicious Person Call Leads to Recovery of Illegal Handgun

On Sunday November 1, 2015 at approximately 1:42 a.m. Barnstable Police officers were dispatched to 58 Yarmouth Road in Hyannis for a report of three suspicious males on the property. Officers Nathan St. Onge and Spencer Jackson arrived there and began checking the area. While checking the area they encountered two subjects in a neighboring property. The two subjects gave evasive answers as to why they were on the property and officers noticed that a window screen was on the ground below a window. Sgt. Jason Laber arrived on scene and assisted as the subjects were questioned further and the property was checked.

One of the subjects, identified as Terrell Peters, age 19 of Marstons Mills, kept grabbing at his waistband area and concealing something. The officers believed that he may be holding a weapon and they began to pat frisk him. Peters refused to comply and moved away from officers, again grabbing at his waistband. Peters began to flee but was tased by Officer St. Onge. The Taser connected with Peters and caused him to fall to the ground. As he fell to the ground he dropped a handgun and it landed only inches from his hands. Peters was quickly secured and the handgun was recovered. It was identified as a Ruger 380 semi-automatic pistol. It was loaded with ammunition and the serial number had been filed off. During the subsequent investigation marijuana and prescription narcotics were recovered as well.

Peters was arrested and charged with the following: Carrying a Firearm Without a License, Carrying a Firearm While Loaded, Possession of a Firearm With a Defaced Serial Number, Possession of a Class E Substance With Intent to Distribute and Possession of a Class D Substance With Intent to Distribute. He was arraigned in Barnstable District Court on Monday November 2, 2015.

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