

Sir,

On the above date while assigned to uniform patrol Unit 13 A-Shift, the undersigned was dispatched to the intersection of BROWNELL AVE/ (RT6) KEMPTON ST. for a report of a hit and run in which a traffic light was knocked over.

I proceeded to the listed location and observed a traffic light knocked over into the east bound lane of KEMPTON ST. obstructing traffic. I was able to push the light off to the side of the road. New Bedford City yard along with traffic control was notified of the knocked over traffic light.

The calling party (complainant) remained on the line with communication division. The complainant was following the vehicle involved in the hit and run, updating communication of the direction of travel and giving a description of the vehicle and driver. The complainant followed the vehicle south and turned east onto ALLEN ST. South end units were dispatched to ALLEN ST.

The complainant informed dispatched that they were following a dark blue MERCEDES TRUCK bearing MA TAG 863KZ8. The complainant was driving a white TOYOTA TUNDRA. The complainant informed communications that the listed vehicle pulled over at the intersection of ALLEN ST/PAGE ST. The complainant watched the defendant get out of the vehicle and than reenter. They described the operator to be a tall black male wearing a white dress shirt with black jeans. Communication was lost between dispatch and the complainant. The complainant took off prior to police arrival.

South end units arrived at ALLEN/PAGE St. Unit 22A, Ofc. NATHANIEL MONTEIRO approached the listed vehicle. He observed the operator later identified as CURTIS FINKLEY 04/10/67 sitting in the drivers seat. He observed the key in the ignition with the engine running.

At this point I proceeded to ALLEN/PAGE St. Unit 15A, Ofc. DANIEL SWEENEY remained at KEMPTON/BROWNELL AVE directing traffic and waiting for the city yard/traffic control to arrive and fix the light.

While at ALLEN/PAGE St. I approached the listed vehicle and spoke with the operator, CURTIS FINKLEY. While talking to CURTIS I could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath and person. His eyes were glassy and blood shot red. His speech was slurred. I asked CURTIS to step out of the vehicle to perform field sobriety in which he complied by getting out of the vehicle but refused to perform field sobriety.

CURTIS stepped out of the vehicle and stumbled. He was unsteady on his feet. His body was swaying side to side. I along with Ofc. JOHNATHAN PAVAO each grabbed CURTIS by his arms to prevent him from falling forward. Based on my observations, I determined CURTIS was operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol. CURTIS was hand cuffed (double locked) and placed in back of my cruiser with the assistance of Ofc. PAVAO.

A license and warrant check was run on CURTIS. CURTIS was negative for warrants. His license status came back expired as of April/2011 with the restrictions of driving only between the hours of 6AM-6PM. Be advised, CURTIS was driving at 2AM which would have been out of the allowed operating times.

I observed front end damage and passenger side damage to the listed vehicle. The front bumper was cracked,