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Victim on Main Street

As Wareham Week went to press on Wednesday, police were investigating a stabbing victim found on Main Street after an early morning auto accident. See Page 4 and, for more on this developing story, go to WarehamWeekToday.com.



Running for good

A record number of runners and walkers participated in Grumpy's 5k this weekend.

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Día de los Muertos

Minot Elementary and Middle School students celebrated the Day of the Dead through art.

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Superheroes meet

Wareham Police Officer Judith Holleran gives Kamari and Tre Rose candy during Trick-or-Treat Main Street on October 31. For more trick-or-treating photos, see the story on Page 10. Photo by: Nadya Korytnikova

False alarm, violent response, car chase, new outfits

2 weekend incidents keep police busy

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Police were kept busy last weekend with two wild, unrelated incidents that landed two men in District Court on Monday.

On Saturday morning, what began as a false fire alarm ended with a man forcing his way into a running van with children in the backseats. On Sunday, a high-speed car chase ended on foot after the pursued man allegedly stole and purchased clothing changes.

Wareham first responders were called to a false alarm at the Union Pond Apartments at 7:40 a.m. on Saturday to what turned into a strange and violent incident. Here's what

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Tobey's maternity ward is essential, state says

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year, announced on Aug. 29.

"Every single decision Southcoast Health makes is in the best interests of the patients we serve – our families, friends, and neighbors," said Renee Clark, Southcoast's executive vice president and chief operating officer.

The Department of Public Health has deemed the maternity ward at Tobey Hospital to be essential, but it doesn't have the power to overrule Southcoast Health's decision to close the unit at the end of this

Under state law, the department

requires Southcoast to put together a plan detailing how residents will be able to access maternity services after the unit closes, including travel times, how care will be continued during the transition, and an assessment of the transportation needs of patients.

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New chef specials at BB's Bar & Grille

Donors honored at BID-Plymouth

Chamber music series presents piano quintets

Live entertainment at Shenanigans

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police say happened: When crews from the Wareham Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services arrived to the apartment complex, they found there was no fire. The man who pulled the alarm, Theodore S. Lopes, Jr., 35, was outside and acting strangely, wearing only a t-shirt and boxer shorts.

Fire Captain Mickey Bird asked Lopes to sit on the bumper of the fire truck to be evaluated by EMS, but he jumped up and ran.

He then tried to get into the passenger-side door of a van that was running with four neighborhood children from multiple families inside, who were sitting in the van to stay warm until they were cleared to go back into their apartments.

The children's mothers were near the door and began to struggle with Lopes, who fell to the ground. The father of two of the children got out of the driver's seat to help the mothers. Lopes then ran around the back of the van and got into the driver's seat. Firefighters and EMS were able to wrestle him from the van while the father grabbed the keys from the ignition.

According to Sergeant Michael Smith's report, firefighters had to physically pull Lopes from the driver's seat "in an attempt to stop Lopes from stealing the van and endanger[ing] the lives of the children.



Theodore Lopes, Jr.

After a struggle, Lopes was handcuffed but continued to aggressively struggle and was placed in leg irons. Lopes continued attempting to kick officers, and one tased him at least three times before the door to the cruiser was closed and he was brought to Tobey Hospital.

Lopes refused to speak to the doctor at Tobey Hospital, so after his vitals were taken, he was transported to the police station.

Sergeant Herbert Noble wrote in his report that when Lopes arrived at the police station, he was non-verbal for a period of time. When Noble spoke to him later, Lopes

asked him what charges he was facing, and said that he did not remember going to the hospital, but only recalled pulling the fire alarm, being told by firefighters to sit and wait for police, and attempting to get away.

Police later discovered that Lopes had, after pulling the fire alarm, entered the apartment of a woman and child when they opened the door to go outside. Once in the apartment, he shut the door and locked her and her child out of the apartment before leaving.

Lopes is facing numerous charges: Breaking and entering, attempted larceny of a motor vehicle, interfering with a firefighter, assault and battery on a police officer, assault and battery on a firefighter, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, false fire alarm, and resisting arrest.

Several first responders were injured: one suffered a hand injury that will put her out of work, one had a finger bitten, one received a minor hand injury after being punched and elbowed, and one was spat on. A resident received minor injuries during the struggle at the van.

Lopes was transported to the Plymouth County House of Correction before being bailed out. He appeared in Wareham District Court on Monday, where he agreed to pay \$2,500 in bail, stay away and have no contact with anyone named in the police report and the Union Pond complex, and submit to drug screenings.

Joshua Jenkins, 34, of Fall River, was arrested by Wareham Police on Sunday, Nov. 3, following an alleged high speed chase, numerous moving vehicle violations, and shoplifting.

According to the prosecutor in Wareham District Court on Monday morning, Officer Calib Larue saw Jenkins's white Nissan run a red light on Cranberry Highway at about 10 a.m., and followed him onto Tobey Road and into the Walmart parking lot, where Jenkins rear-ended a vehicle before leaving the parking lot without stopping for a stop sign. Jenkins hit another vehicle on Tobey Road and kept going.

The chase continued onto Cranberry Highway, and Jenkins allegedly blew another red light, hit a third vehicle, and reached speeds topping 100 miles per hour. He continued driving towards the center of Wareham and turned onto Gibbs Avenue.

At some point, officers lost sight of Jenkins and were canvassing when passers-by directed them behind Browne's Package Store on Rte 6. Behind the store, officers found the white Nissan empty with the driver's side door open.

The officers heard noise coming from



Joshua Jenkins

the edge of the reservoir behind the store, and went to investigate. There they found Jenkins allegedly attempting to cover himself with brush. When ordered to stop, Jenkins allegedly yelled "I ain't going back to jail," before jumping into the reservoir and swimming towards Hathaway Street.

With the help of a K-9, officers tracked Jenkins to behind the Aubuchon Hardware, and then saw him on security footage near Shaw's. The manager of Shaw's informed an officer that Jenkins had allegedly stolen a Patriots jersey, priced at \$34.99, and put it on before going to Rite Aid. There, Jenkins used a wet \$100 bill to purchase a new outfit — a blue windbreaker, black socks, and blue sweatpants — along with a phone and phone card.

Larue spotted Jenkins fleeing into Shaw's and, with the help of other officers, handcuffed him at 11:45 a.m. In his report, Larue wrote that the arrest in Shaw's frightened many of the customers who got "on the ground with their hands up, sobbing."

Jenkins is facing 14 charges stemming from the incident: three counts of assault and battery with a deadly weapon, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, shoplifting, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, failure to stop for police, failure to stop for a light, a marked lanes violation, failure to use turn signal, failure to wear a seatbelt, speeding, and operating with a suspended driver's license, subsequent offense.

Jenkins's defense attorney had some issues with the charges, saying that the report did not clearly explain the charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. She also disputed the charge of shoplifting. The attorney also said that Jenkins had a number of bruises on his lower body, which he said came from being kicked and punched by officers. He was held without bail.

Both are due back in court on Nov. 27.