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OFFICERS FORMAL REPORT

Case#: 350810
 Rpt Date: 12/27/19 03:06 Reported: FRIDAY 12/27/19 00:50
 Ucr: 13F ASSAULT-W/ODW (DANGER WEAPON)*
 ibr: 1:146 2:300 3:170 4:17I 5:308
 Location: 200 SWANTON ST and PARKVIEW CONDO
 Follow Up By: (N)ONE NEEDED Case Status: CLEARED NORMAL
 Officer: Rpt Status: COMPLETED
 Review Officer: 39 LT ABDELLA
 Sup Review Officer:
 Comp/Vict Notify: No
 Cir/Involve Type:

Complaint: 922, DISTURBANCE, WARRANT AND ADW ARREST

Primary Officer: 42 OFF LATORES Assignment: A Car: 922
 Second Officer: 28 OFF ELLIS Sup/Back-Up:

*** NAMES ***

Type	Mast#	Name/Add	Phone	Dob	SS#
DEFENDANT	118981	CELONA, THOMAS PAUL 200 SWANTON ST apt: 326 WINCHESTER MA 0	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]/85	[REDACTED]



obtn: TWIC035081001

VICTIM	053055	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	apt: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]/88	[REDACTED]
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COMPLAINT	032140	ELIOPOULOS, PETER [REDACTED]	ARLINGTON MA 02174	[REDACTED]/77	[REDACTED]
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*** PROPERTY ***

Prop.Type	Make	Mod/Style	Color	Ser#/Vin#
RETURNED (2 HX rpt'd: 12/26/19 class: 03 qty: 1.00	VEHICLES,AUTO	2011 FORD ESCAPE	BLACK	
Id/Desc:		Value:	\$0	Ncic:

reg #: MA 7NM797 118981 - THOMAS CELONA
 control #: 350810-001 bin #: SALLYPORT analy #:
 rt/dest: 12/27/19 TOWED FROM SALLYPORT BY MAL'S TO TOW YARD

 OUT OF EVID K0 rpt'd: 12/26/19 class: 36 qty: 1.00
 TOOLS (36) ESTWING HATCHET
 Id/Desc: PASSENGER FLOOR Value: \$0 Ncic:
 118981 - THOMAS CELONA
 control #: 350810-002 bin #: LOCKER 1 analy #:
 rt/dest: 10/29/20 DISPOSED-CASE DISMISSED

 EVIDENCE EE rpt'd: 12/26/19 class: 77 qty: 1.00
 DOCUMENT STATEMENT WRITTEN
 Id/Desc: WRITTEN VICTIM STATEMENT Value: \$0 Ncic:
 053055 - ██████████
 control #: 350810-003 bin #: LOCKER 1 analy #:

*** NARRATIVE ***

The following narrative is submitted by: OFF JEFFREY LATORES

ID#: 42

On Friday, December 27, 2019 at approximately 12:50 AM, while assigned to 929 Sector, I was dispatched to 200 Swanton Street, The Parkview Condominiums to locate a Ford Escape that was involved in a disturbance while Officer Ellis (922) responded to Main Street near Cross for a possible car crash.

While responding, Dispatcher Denino relayed that Woburn Police had spoken with ██████████ who had reported to them that he had been threatened with an axe, while at the Parkview by a person driving a black Ford Escape and wearing a white hoodie. Woburn Officers advised ██████████ to respond to the Winchester Police Department to report the incident. At that point, I had been searching the Parkview lot for a black Ford Escape but could not locate it.

While ██████████ was traveling to the station, he reported to Dispatch seeing his assailant walking on Main Street, toward the Parkview. I returned to the Parkview with Officer Ellis, where we located Thomas Celona, in the parking lot and wearing a white hoodie. Celona was acting suspiciously and somewhat evasive as we spoke with him. He seemed to be in a hurry and said he had just walked from a store (no stores in the area were open at the time). Then he said that he was in the lot looking for his car keys. When asked where his car was, he said he didn't know. He then began to say something about figuring out what happened to his apartment (Unit 326 at the Parkview). When I asked him what he meant by that, he stopped speaking and refused to answer further. I then placed him and handcuffs (double locked) for our safety while we attempted to gather more information.

Officer Ellis contacted Lt. Abdella who explained that Peter Eliopolis was working at Andreas's pizza across from the Parkview lot when he heard a loud bang then heard two vehicles leave the parking lot and travel north on Main Street at a high rate of speed. This prompted him to call 911. At the same time, a CJIS query of Thomas Celona yielded a warrant out of Middlesex Superior Court for a probation violation. Celona was then advised he was being arrested. He was field searched by me and placed in the rear of the 929 cruiser and transported to the station.

On arrival at the station, I spoke with ██████████ who was waiting in the lobby. ██████████ stated that just before 1:00 AM, he was leaving the Parkview lot to go to the Citizen's Bank on Main Street. He observed Celona in the lot, "glaring" at him. Celona asked ██████████ if he was, "Miglanio" or a similar sounding name. ██████████ told Celona that his name was Mike and asked him what he wanted. ██████████ said that he does not know Celona and never saw him before. ██████████ said that after that exchange, Celona apologized and left the area in a black Ford Escape. ██████████ stated that he then went to the bank to deposit

money (he opened his wallet and quickly showed me a large amount of cash but did not tell me how much). He explained that he had a problem with the ATM at the bank and returned to the Parkview lot.

██████████ pulled his Ford pickup, (Ma Reg ██████████) into the lot and parked around the back near the swimming pool. Celona then pulled his Escape (Ma. Reg. ██████████) perpendicular, behind him. They both got out of their vehicles and ██████████ said that he thought Celona was intoxicated, though he did not appear to be when I spoke with him. ██████████ said that he confronted Celona again and asked what he wanted. At that time, he noticed Celona was holding a small hatchet by his leg. ██████████ said that he told Celona to, "go home before you hurt someone or crash". He then said at some point during their exchange, Celona swung that hatchet at him, possibly twice, but he was able to dodge it. He then said that Celona got back in his Escape, which may not have been in gear as it rolled into the side of his pickup truck. ██████████ eventually showed me what appeared to be very old rust and rot damage to the right rear wheel well of his pickup truck, which I photographed.

██████████ said that when Celona drove off, he got back into his pickup truck and followed him. He explained that Celona exited the Parkview lot and then immediately went back in the entrance using a keycard to access the security gate. Celona continued driving into the upper lot while ██████████ went the around to cut him off. ██████████ said that they drove toward each other and may have crashed into each other (possibly the noise Eliopolis heard) however there is no damage to the front end of Celona's vehicle consistent with such a collision. There is damage to the left front that appeared to be old as well as damage to the right rear.

██████████ continued by saying that Celona left the lot and he continued to follow him. ██████████ said that he, "chased" Celona north on Main Street, into Woburn, right onto Conn Street, left onto Bryant, right onto Garfield Ave and then right onto Belmont Street. ██████████ stated that during this chase, they "crashed into each other" several times. He then said that Celona was too fast and was able to get away from him. According to ██████████ he was on the phone with Woburn Police during this chase. He then was on his way to Winchester Police when he saw Celona walking on Main Street near Bill and Bob's Roast Beef. According to ██████████ Celona jumped a fence and ran off before he could go after him.

██████████ who continued to deny any previous knowledge of Celona, stated that he was never in fear of him. I asked him why he chased him, he seemed confused. When I suggested that a reasonable person confronted by a stranger with a hatchet, in the middle of the night, in a dark parking lot might react differently than he did, ██████████ said he was not concerned and said he would have, "grabbed the hatchet and stuck it up his ass". I again asked him why he would not have left the area, called 911 or at least locked himself in his vehicle instead of chasing him, he answered, "for fun. It was fun and exciting". He then said he wasn't sure why he was at the station and did not want to press charges. At that time, asked him if he would make written statement of this incident, which he did.

During this time, Woburn Police located Celona's 2011 Ford Escape (MA PAN ██████████) on Stoddard Street, Woburn. Mal's responded and towed the vehicle to our police station sallyport. Inside the Escape, in plain view, I observed part of a chrome hatchet on the passenger's seat floor. I conducted a motor vehicle inventory per department policy and took possession of the axe. I made several attempts to contact Parkview Security to request possible security footage of this incident, however there was no answer due to the late hour.

Thomas Celona was booked by Lt. Abdella in the usually manner. During booking, \$1280 dollars in loose cash was found in his right front pant pocket and right front sweatshirt pocket. In his left front pocket was a single 5 dollar bill. Also in his right front pants pocket was two pill bottles. One smaller bottle with a worn out label and another larger bottle with his name on it for Gabepentin. Celona said his medications are for ADD and nerve pain that he suffers. He was advised of his Miranda Rights and refused to answer any questions about this incident. He is being charged with C. 265 s.15B, Assault by Dangerous Weapon, a hatchet. Criminal complaint attached.

The above Ford Escape is registered to [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], Cotuit, MA 02635.

On 12/27/2019, Detective Lt. Abdella provided me with digital footage from the security cameras at Parkview which he received from R&B Surveillance. The footage is broken down to several files from different cameras located on the property at 200 Swanton Street. The footage shows the verbal confrontation between Celona and [REDACTED] including the Celona holding the hatchet. The confrontation lasts several minutes and [REDACTED] demeanor and reaction does not appear constant with someone who was confronted by a stranger with a hatchet. In fact, it appears more like a confrontation between two people who know each other, as [REDACTED] even walks calmly toward Celona after Celona retreats to his vehicle. [REDACTED] then raised his arms as if he were explaining something to Celona Celona then drives off and [REDACTED] is seen running to his own vehicle and chases after Celona. The Security cameras then capture [REDACTED] chasing Celona around the lot. The file titled "Front Parking Lot East 2019-12-27_00_49_25_945" shows [REDACTED] appear to attempt a, "Pit Maneuver" by striking Celona's vehicle on the right rear quarter, in a way that would spin it sideways. Both vehicles then leave the lot and presumably begin their chase through Woburn. The security footage was uploaded to the department's computer in the WashingtonDC folder.

Officers signature: _____ Date: _____

The following narrative is submitted by: LT JOSEPH ABDELLA ID#: 39

On 12/27/19 at approximately 0256 hours, I booked Thomas P. Celano for Straight Warrant #WR5536251TC (Docket # 1981PT00081) issued by the Middlesex Superior Court.

In addition, I booked Mr. Celano for one count of Assault w/ Dangerous Weapon, G.L. 256, s. 15B.

Mr. Celano used the booking room phone to call his father and left a voicemail message

I contacted Bail Magistrate Jessica Noble who ordered Mr. Celano held on no bail, as he failed to make his whereabouts known to his Probation Officer. I informed Mr. Celano of this.

At approximately 4:10 am, Mr. Celano requested one dose of his prescription medication Gabapentin 800 mg., which was in his possession at booking and properly labeled to him. I gave Mr. Celano one tablet from the prescription bottle. The bottle indicated three doses daily. Mr. Celano stated that this was his bedtime dose.

On 12/27/19 I sent an email request to RGB Surveillance for security video footage from the Parkview Condos.

Officers signature: _____ Date: _____

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WARRANTLESS ARREST/ PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING
The above DEFENDANT was arrested by the WINCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT.
(CHECK APPLICABLE BOXES)

() was bailed for arraignment on _____.

 If bailed, defendant was released on

 () personal recognizance

 () \$_____ cash bail

() probable cause was found by an out of court judicial officer and
the defendant was (NOT) released from custody.

() A probable cause determination has NOT been made and the defendant
remains in custody.

() Name of judicial officer contacted _____

 Police Officer making contact _____

 Date contacted _____ Time _____

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OIC Signature Date/Time