

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Department of Mental Health

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### ARREST REPORT

To: Chief Cayford  
From: Officer Plesh  
Date: 8/12/93  
Re: Arrest report # 812932-1

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This officer was requested to search for two missing clients from Chauncy Hall. (Clients Jason Davis and Dean Dexter) After searching the entire grounds this officer started to search off grounds. This officer interviewed the store clerk at Julio's liquors and learned that both clients were in the store ten minutes prior and had purchased a large amount of alcohol. This officer felt that the clients were still in the area. This officer called the Chauncy Hall head nurse and advised her of the situation and after consulting with the nurse this officer called the Grafton State Police for assistance. This officer waited for the State Police to arrive before searching the woods behind Julio's. This was done because it was likely that the clients would run deeper into the woods and nursing staff advised that both clients can be dangerous.

As the State Police arrived on scene this officer received a report from the manager of Julio's. Both clients were observed running deep into the woods behind Caldor's. It was not possible to catch the clients and due to the density of the woods we lost sight of the clients. The State Police called for a K-9 unit. This officer posted an MHW on Rt-9 and directed him to watch West and see if he could see the clients and watch to see if they attempt to cross Rt-9. This officer took the perimeter on the other side as the State Trooper went to meet his K-9 unit.

Before the State Police arrived back on scene this officer located the clients deep in the woods attempting to drink all of the alcohol before I could take it away. I was able to calm the clients down and frisk them for weapons. They were placed in the seat of vehicle 7794 and a request for assistance was called in. The State Police were not able to find me in the woods so I had to drive out of the woods alone. This officer turned on the blue lights and wait for Police back up. At this point Jason Davis jumped over the seat and grabbed the bottle of Vodka and attempted to drink all of it. This officer had to enter the car and take the bottle of Vodka away again. When the Police back up arrived both Clients were handcuffed and transported back to the Hospital in the Westborough Police cruiser. After consulting with the Head nurse at Chauncy hall the clients were transported Hennessy 2A.

Once in the Hennessy building the handcuffs were released in the lobby and the Westborough Police Sgt. was allowed to leave. The cuffs were taken off in the lobby because the Sgt. had a fire arm and I did not want him going up onto the ward.

Once on the ward Client Dexter was first to act up and the Head nurse requested that this officer stay on the floor. She then called for assistance. Both clients were placed in the open quiet room and staff was assigned to watch the clients. After the Head nurse had enough staff this officer cleared the ward and was returning the male staff member to Chauncy Hall. It was while I was in Chauncy hall showing the O.D. the alcohol that a report of a Code Green (STAT) on Hennessy 2A was heard over the P.A. system. Before leaving Hennessy 2A I was advised by the head nurse to be ready to respond for assistance if called.

This officer and a male staff member from Chauncy hall responded to Hennessy 2A. A restraint of Jason Davis who was in the open quiet room had just concluded and the staff was getting ready to move him into the next room in order to place Jason in a four point restraint. Jason was allowed to walk to the four point restraint room, which was located in the next room. It was during the move that Jason started to fight again and needed to be restrained. He was taken to the floor by several nursing staff members. As many as eight staff members were on top of Jason. Phillip Bragg was up by Jason's head and this officer observed him punch Jason Davis five or six times with extremely hard blows. This officer could hear every impact and instantly the client started to bleed and swell in the area of the eyes, forehead and temple area. I moved into stop the staff member but before I could get there Phillip used a head twist technique that I did have to stop. Extreme force was used, Jasons neck was being twisted to its limit. Phillip put a knee on Jasons head and the with both hands was forcing Jasons head down into the floor. (Push up position) Jason could not stop resisting the other nursing s' ff at this point. This is an automatic defense response. This officer moved Phillip off Jasons head and checked his neck to make sure it had not been broken. Jason calmed down as soon as his head was released. While Phillip was holding Jason's head down this officer observed him say

to Jason, this is what you wanted, so this is what you got.

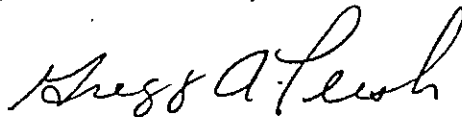
Nursing staff requested this officer to handcuff Jason in order to move him to the four point bed. After the client was handcuffed and restrained in a four point bed the handcuffs were released. This officer then went to find the on call Doctor in order to get Jason Davis medical attention. This officer then consulted with Chief Cayford and some of the nursing staff. After this was done Phillip Bragg was taken to a quiet area and placed under arrest for Assault and Battery. This officer pat frisked the Phillip Bragg for a weapon and handcuffed him. Phillip was given his Miranda rights and advised that he was under arrest for assault and battery.

Phillip Bragg was taken to Westborough District Court and arraigned. Phillip was held on \$1000 cash bail and a trial date was set for 8/20/93.

Chief Cayford took a 3 picture set of photo's of Jason Davis's head. Photo's were dated and stored in the evidence locker.

Chief Cayford assisted this officer with the transportation of Phillip Bragg to Westborough District Court. Note: Two sets of handcuffs were used to help make Phillip Bragg comfortable during transportation, Cuffs double locked.

Officer,



Gregg A. Plesh  
DMH POLICE

Note: Phillip Bragg also has an extensive record, assault history is extensive.