



Newburyport Police Department
Summons Report

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Summons #: 25-142-AR
Call #: 25-14945
Incident #: 25-448-OF

Date/Time Reported: 07/02/2025 @ 1700
Arrest Date/Time: 07/09/2025 @ 1037

OBTN: CNEY202500142

Court: Newburyport District Court

Court Date: 10/24/2025 @ 1000

Reporting Officer: Sergeant Michael Sugrue

Approving Officer: Lieutenant Gregory Whitney

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

#	DEFENDANT (S)	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1	KRAFT, MARTIN BERNARD 129 BALCOM ST MANSFIELD MA 02048-2030	M	W	71		

Military Active Duty: N

BODY: NOT AVAIL.

COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL.

PLACE OF BIRTH: NOT AVAIL.

LICENSE NUMBER: MA S27142505

ETHNICITY: NOT HISPANIC

[CONTACT INFORMATION]

CallBack Number (Primary) _____

#	OFFENSE (S)	ATTEMPTED	TYPE
	NEWBURYPORT MA 01950		
1	FIREARM, STORE IMPROP 140/131L/A	N	Misdemeanor
	140 131L OCCURRED: 07/02/2025 2032 SUSPECTED OF USING: Not Applicable CRIMINAL ACTIVITY: Operating/Promoting/Assisting WEAPON/FORCED USED: Firearm (Unspecified) (AUTOMATIC) BIAS AGAINST: No Bias		

#	PERSON (S)	PERSON TYPE	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE

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#	OTHER PROPERTIES	PROPERTY #	STATUS
1	SIG SAUER P938, (8) .38 AMMO, HOLSTER QUANTITY: 1 SERIAL #: 52E043947 DATE: 07/02/2025 Type: PISTOL, SEMI-AUTOMATIC Make: SSS	25-149-PR VALUE: \$500.00 Color: GREEN Caliber: 38	Held for Safe Keeping

Attachments for 25-142-AR	
Description	Type
REPORT	PDF
Attachment#: 5206B320A0CC4EE38A65152D1DA705C6	
COMPLAINT	PDF
Attachment#: 5217170FCD924F5881F2EC6A29F0D9BF	

NARRATIVE FOR PATROLMAN MATTHEW J WHITTY

Ref: 25-142-AR

On Wednesday July 2, 2025, I Ptl. Whitty was working the 1600 to 0000 hours shift, assigned to marked cruiser #504. At approximately 2032 hours, Ptl. Richer and I were dispatched to [REDACTED] for a report of a firearm discovered by one of the homeowners, [REDACTED]

Upon arrival, Ptl. Richer and I were met by [REDACTED] the steps of the front entrance. [REDACTED] stated that his wife, [REDACTED] was last in contact with [REDACTED] over the phone from the treatment facility, approximately ten minutes prior to our arrival. [REDACTED] was last at the residence approximately three weeks ago. [REDACTED] stated that he was at the residence this evening to pick up some bills because if he didn't they would not get paid. [REDACTED] escorted us into the residence to show Ptl. Richer and I where he discovered the firearm. [REDACTED] that he discovered the firearm on a chair in the bedroom, tucked under bedding. [REDACTED] so pointed to sex toys on the bed, which he claimed were not his. Mr. [REDACTED] suspects that [REDACTED] had guests at the residence. [REDACTED] informed me that he discovered the sex toys under the bed. The firearm was in a concealed leather holster. I cleared the firearm and made it safe. The firearm is a Sig Sauer P938 (serial#52E0437947). The firearm was loaded with seven .38 caliber rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. [REDACTED] do not have active licenses to carry. [REDACTED] is known to the PD because of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There is no record of this firearm in NCIC as stolen or of it being registered in Massachusetts. I called Seabrook PD (Seabrook, NH) to have the serial number run out. Seabrook PD informed me that there was no record of that serial number in NH. [REDACTED] stated that he has filed for divorce and has a court date in the future. The firearm, ammunition, and holster were given a property number (25-149-PR) and secured in booking locker #1.

Respectfully submitted,

Officer Matthew J. Whitty

On 7/8/25 I was assigned to take over this investigation as a result of Officer Whitty being out of work for an injury.

I reviewed the case and was very familiar with the address of [REDACTED]. The resident of that address, [REDACTED] is well known to the police department for various calls for service. The Newburyport Police have responded to that address or dealt with [REDACTED] a total of (75) times from 2020 to present. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

When I first reviewed this case I was concerned about weapons in the residence for [REDACTED] safety and also the safety of officers and the general public because of [REDACTED] volatile behavior.

I conducted a CJIS check on the firearm and it was not reported stolen. I also conducted a check on Crime Tracer under the firearm and Mr. Kraft's name and there were no police reports or records involving the firearm. *This was concerning because Mr. Kraft relayed to Sgt. Cutter that "an accident took place and he could talk to his lawyer about the incident." *Mr. Kraft did not provide his attorney's information. At the time of this report Mr. Kraft's attorney has not contacted the Newburyport Police and there have not been any reported "accidents" involving Mr. Kraft or his firearm.

I placed a call to Mansfield Mass Police and confirmed that he had an active LTC and that no reported "accidents" or thefts have been reported by Mr. Kraft.

Sig Sauer P938

The firearm that was recovered can be described as a Sig Sauer P938 with an extended magazine to hold 7 rounds. *This firearm is Massachusetts compliant and not considered a large capacity firearm.

The term firearm is defined in MGL 140 s 121 as a pistol, revolver or any other weapon of any description, loaded or unloaded, from which a shot or bullet can be discharged and of which the length of the barrel is less than 16 inches.

*At the time of this report I am awaiting an appointment with Mass State Police Ballistics for a test fire.

Conclusion

Mr. Kraft's firearm was found not being secured in a locked container or equipped with a safety device that rendered the firearm inoperable by anyone other than the authorized user.

Mr. Kraft was found to be in violation of M.G.L. 140 section 131L (Improper Storage of Firearm).

*This law is designed to limit access to firearms by irresponsible persons and to constrain the ability to use the firearm to inflict harm, intentionally or accidentally, on oneself or on others. Through police interactions with [REDACTED] her history of mental health problems it is apparent that [REDACTED] can be deemed an irresponsible person.

Respectfully submitted,

Insp. Michael Sugrue

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE FOR SERGEANT RYAN A CUTTER

Ref: 25-142-AR

Thursday, July 3, 2025 I was working 1600-0000 hrs. as shift supervisor in full duty uniform operating department vehicle Car 4, and wearing my department issued body worn camera. This report is a summary of the events that took place.

At approximately 2055 hrs dispatch advised me that an individual called the station looking to speak with a supervisor regarding the firearm that was recovered from the [REDACTED] residence yesterday. I advised dispatch I was on patrol and would call them back at the station. Upon my return I spoke with dispatch who informed me the caller was a Martin Kraft callback number [REDACTED] Dispatch further advised me that Mr. Kraft has a valid LTC out of Mansfield, MA. The serial number (52E043947) of the firearm recovered from the [REDACTED] residence is registered to Mr. Kraft.

At approximately 2149 hrs I returned a call and spoke with Mr. Kraft, advising him we were speaking on a recorded line. Mr. Kraft informed me that he became aware the Newburyport Police recovered his firearm from the [REDACTED] residence. Mr. Kraft informed me that he was identifying the firearm that was recovered from the [REDACTED] residence as his firearm. He elected not to elaborate further than stating an accident took place and informed me that I could ask his lawyer about the incident if I needed to. I informed Mr. Kraft I was not the officer who took the report and if he wanted to speak with him he could, I forwarded him to Officer Whitty's voicemail.

Respectfully,

Sergeant Ryan A. Cutter