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Cambridge Police Officer Arrests Suspect in Lowell Attack

July 14, 2011 – At approximately 3PM on July 13th, a Cambridge Police Officer responded to a call from a business on Massachusetts Ave requesting assistance.

Upon his arrival, Officer Shawn Ivey was conducting a search of the interior of the business when he observed a male whom he immediately recognized from information he had received in the Cambridge Police Bulletin during his Roll Call briefing.

The suspect, Andrew Burke, 21, of 10 Avon Street in Somerville, was wanted in connection with an attack on a female jogger in Lowell that occurred last Friday.

Officer Ivey approached the suspect, positively identified him, and took him into custody without incident.

"This is a prime example of quick thinking and superb police work on the part of our officer, as well as the importance of inter-agency cooperation and communication," Cambridge Police Commissioner Robert C. Haas said. "Officer Ivey, using the information he was given in Roll Call, was able to quickly identify and apprehend a potentially dangerous suspect so that he could be returned to Lowell where he will have to answer to the charges against him. We hope this arrest will help bring closure to those who were victimized by the suspect."

Andrew Burke was transported to the Cambridge Police Department and placed under arrest on a warrant out of Lowell District Court charging him with Attempted Murder, Assault to Rape, Kidnapping and Indecent A&B on Person 14 or Over before being released to Lowell Police Detectives.

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