



# CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**DOVER, NH**, November 30, 2020 - Chief William Breault of the Dover Police Department announces the arrest of Brian C. Bentley, age 56, no fixed address, on the charges of Theft, Receiving Stolen Property, and Possession of a Controlled Drug.

On November 25, 2020 at approximately 9:43 AM, Dover Police responded to a Sixth Street address after a woman reported seeing two individuals on her porch that she did not know. Officers arrived quickly and contacted Brian Bentley and another male in the woman's driveway. Bentley was in possession of a package that had recently been delivered to the residence. He was also in possession of a fishing pole stolen from the porch. Bentley was taken into custody for theft at which time he was found in possession of small quantity of material suspected to be heroin or fentanyl. At the time of his arrest, Bentley was also wanted on a capias issued out of the Strafford County Superior Court for an unrelated theft charge.

Bentley was charged Theft, Receiving Stolen Property, and Possession of a Controlled Drug, all felonies. He was released on personal recognizance bail with an arraignment date to be determined.

The Dover Police Department would like take this opportunity to remind the public that police departments nationwide often experience a spike in theft reports during the holiday season due to the increased amount of home delivery. Ways to help avoid this are to have packages delivered to your place of employment, if possible, or to the residence of a friend or relative you know will be home. You may also consider opting for in-store pickup when possible, or request a signature be required upon delivery. While these options may be more difficult during the pandemic, residents could also consider asking their mail carrier to place deliveries out of view. Residents are also encouraged to report suspicious activity or individuals immediately.

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Dover Police Department. Media inquiries concerning this case can be directed to the on duty shift commander at 603-742-4646.