



CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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DOVER POLICE ANNOUNCES ARREST IN BURGLARY INVESTIGATION

February 1, 2021

Dover, NH, February 1, 2021 - Chief William Breault of the Dover Police Department announces that an arrest has been made as a result of a recent residential burglary in Dover.

On January 29, 2021, at approximately 0900 hours, officers spoke with residents of a Sandy Lane home who reported hearing a suspicious noise outside at approximately 3:00AM. The following morning, the residents discovered footprints in the snow indicating someone had walked around the house.

Officers also spoke with a neighbor who reported seeing a suspicious vehicle pull into several driveways in the neighborhood at approximately 5:00AM. That homeowner was able to provide a description of the vehicle as well as a partial license plate. This information was provided to all Dover police officers.

On January 30, 2021, at approximately 1145AM, officers responded to a separate residence on Sandy Lane for a reported suspicious activity at the home. Upon arrival, officers discovered that the home had been burglarized. Members of the department's Special Investigations Unit and Crime Scene Unit responded to process and investigate the scene.

On January 31, 2021, at approximately 8:30PM, a police officer on patrol in the area of these incidents observed a vehicle matching the description of the one seen on Sandy Lane. The officer stopped the vehicle and identified the operator as Michael J. Skidmore, 33, of 10 Folsom Street Apt. 3 in Dover.

Detectives responded and interviewed Skidmore, who was arrested and charged with one count of Burglary, a felony, for breaking into 49 Sandy Lane. Skidmore refused bail and will be arraigned in Strafford County Superior Court on February 1, 2021 at 12:00 PM.



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This entire incident remains under investigation and additional charges are possible. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646 or the Dover Crimeline at 603-749-6000. The Dover Crimeline can also be contacted via www.dovernhcrimeline.org.

Media inquiries concerning this case can be directed to Lieutenant Scott Pettingill of the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646 or s.pettingill@dover.nh.gov.