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## **Keith Boone**

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## **Press Release**

On February 18, 2021 at approximately 2:30am, Easton Police Officers began searching for a vehicle that fled from a Mansfield Police Officer during an investigation. Officers Jason Wheeler, Dennis Kitsos, and Brian Rooney located the vehicle shortly thereafter at 75 Turnpike Street in Easton. The operator, identified as William Molloy age 20, also of 75 Turnpike Street, was seen discarding items from the vehicle into a trash container when the officers arrived. During the investigation, officers discovered that several of the discarded items matched those stolen from vehicles in the Town of Mansfield during the prior week. Molloy was later arrested by Mansfield Police on charges that included receiving stolen property.

In coordination with the Mansfield Police Department, Easton Detectives executed a search warrant at 75 Turnpike Street in Easton. During the search, Detectives located body armor along with a loaded AR15 rifle and over one hundred rounds of ammunition. In addition, Detectives also located items reported stolen from vehicle breaks that took place in Easton during the early weeks of February 2021.

On February 24, 2021 an arrest warrant issued for Molloy was served by Easton Detectives and members of the Massachusetts State Police Fugitive Apprehension Team at 75 Turnpike Street in Easton. There, Molloy was taken into custody and charged with the following offenses:

Possession of a large capacity firearm without a license Possession of a large capacity feeding device Possession of ammunition without a license Improper storage of a large capacity firearm Improper storage of ammunition

Molloy was booked at Easton Police Headquarters and transported to Taunton District Court for arraignment.

Thank you,

Deputy Chief Keith Boone Executive Officer Easton Police Department