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## **PRESS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release-Fall River, Massachusetts.  
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On December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at approximately 10:00 a.m. Fall River Police Department Officer Charles Souza was dispatched to the 200 Block of Grove Street in regards to a *Break in Progress*. Assisting in the incident were Officers J. Mooney, F. Andrade, M. Hadaya. Witnesses stated a male was seen entering an apartment through a back window. A neighbor was able to photograph the suspect as he entered the window. The suspect was described as:

- White male
- wearing Blue jeans,
- Black hat,
- Black jacket with white sleeves.

As Officers Mooney and Andrade were setting up a perimeter, they observed a male fitting the description exiting the basement door. Officer Mooney commanded the male to Stop. The male retreated into the basement slamming the door shut and exited out a side door. As the male ran from the yard, Officer Souza recognized him as Michael R. Hazel Jr. Age 29. Mr. Hazel Jr. ran across the street without looking causing cars to stop abruptly to avoid colliding with the fleeing suspect. Mr. Hazel Jr. ran into another yard.

A second perimeter was established between Maple, Walnut, High and Grove Streets utilizing Uniform Division and Special Operations Division Officers. While searching yards Officer Hadaya spotted Mr. Hazel Jr. hiding in bushes at High and Walnut Streets. Mr. Hazel Jr. was taken into custody after a brief struggle.



**Michael R. Hazel Jr. Age 29** last listed address of 70 North Court Street Fall River #1 was taken into custody and charged with:

- Breaking and Entering in the Daytime for Felony
- Disturbing the Peace
- Disorderly Conduct
- Assault and Battery on a Police Officer

*Detective J. Robinson  
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