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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

At approximately 3:30 P.M. on Friday Oct. 30, officers of the Wareham Police Department were dispatched to a local real estate office located at 2879 Cranberry Highway in East Wareham. Employees of the office observed a suspicious person who was pacing throughout the parking lot yelling into a cell phone.

Officers John Iacobucci and Richard Robidoux were in the vicinity and responded within one minute. Upon arrival, they observed a male party who fit the description given by dispatcher Edward Johnson and Officer Zena Kelsh. They approached the individual and asked him for identification. He identified himself as Jeffery Tosca, 26 of Marion, Ma. Officers then asked him if he had any weapons.

At that point, Tosca quickly turned and ran toward the rear of the building. The two officers called dispatch and reported they were in a foot pursuit. Hearing this, officer William Fihlman, Sgt. Bradford Bulgar, and Detective Dennis Damata who were also in the area, responded to provide back up assistance.

After a short foot chase, Officer John Iacobucci tackled Tosca behind the building and was able to subdue him with the assistance of Officer Robidoux and the other back up officers. As Tosca was being placed in handcuffs, a .45 caliber handgun was found beneath his body. A fully loaded magazine was lying next to the weapon. As officers continued their search for weapons, they located a nylon holster in Tosca's waistband. Also found in Tosca's possession were several prescription drugs in a plastic baggie.

Tosca was placed under arrest and transported to the Wareham Police Station where he was booked by station officer Stephen Joy. Tosca is charged with possessing a firearm without a license, possessing a firearm with a serial number defaced, possessing ammunition without a license, receiving stolen property, resisting arrest and possession of a controlled substance. Tosca will be arraigned at Wareham 4<sup>th</sup> District Court on Monday. He is currently being held at the Plymouth County House of Correction.

Wareham police officers were commended by Chief Richard Stanley for their quick action in subduing an armed individual with a long record of criminal offenses. This was

a very dangerous situation that could have turned deadly for the officers involved and the innocent bystanders who came forward to report this incident.

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