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Raymond Atfield, 49 years old of Old Onset Rd., Wareham was arrested by Wareham Police after a brazen daytime break into a home in Onset. An alert town employee of the Wareham water pollution control facility called police when he noticed a suspicious male party standing next to a broken window of an unoccupied house on North Boulevard.

He told dispatchers that the man ran off after being spotted. Officers Stephen Joy was first on the scene and officers Robidoux, Fihlman and Sgt. Bulgar arrived within minutes of the call. As Officer Richard Robidoux was arriving in the area, he spotted a male party walking on Onset Ave that fit the description given to police dispatchers by the witness. The individual was stopped and he identified himself as Raymond Atfield. Atfield was questioned and was positively identified by the witness who reported the crime.

Atfield was arrested and charged with B&E in the daytime for a felony, malicious destruction of property, and trespassing. He was also wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant issued by Fall River District Court. He was booked by Wareham police and transported to Wareham's 4th District Court for arraignment.

Atfield has a lengthy criminal history dating back to 1981. He has been arrested on numerous felony charges and is well known to the Wareham Police Department and other departments in eastern Mass.

Wareham Police Chief Richard Stanley recognized not only the responding officers for their swift action in solving this crime, but also the town employee for his concern by reporting this suspicious person to the police without hesitation. The dedication, expertise, and professionalism of these officers and the town employee resulted in the arrest of a dangerous felon within 10 minutes of receiving the call.

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