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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mr. Sonny Tavares, 21 years old of Wareham is facing multiple felony charges as the result of an incident Thanksgiving evening in Wareham. At approximately 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Wareham Police responded to a call for an armed robbery.

Two victims were interviewed by police at Tobey Hospital in Wareham where one of them was being treated for minor injuries to his face. One of the victims stated he and his friend were driving on Cranberry Highway when they received a call from Sonny Tavares to meet up in the parking lot of a local oil change business.

The victim then stated that after they pulled into the lot, Tavares exited a vehicle and approached the two victims who were sitting in the front seat of the vehicle with the motor running. The victim in the driver's seat stated to police that Sonny Tavares reached into the vehicle, turned the ignition off and began assaulting him.

Sonny Tavares was quickly located by evening shift patrols at his residence where he was found hiding behind a shed in the backyard. After a brief scuffle with police, he was placed under arrest and transported to the Wareham Police Station where he was booked. In his possession, Tavares had a cigarette package containing paper money. Upon closer examination by the booking officer, the money was found to be counterfeit.

Sonny Tavares, D.O.B. 10/18/88 is charged with Possession of Counterfeit Notes, Assault and Battery, Intimidating a Witness and Armed Robbery. He was arraigned on Friday morning at Wareham 4<sup>th</sup> District Court.

Patrolman David Simmons is continuing the investigation. The U.S. Secret Service will be assisting the Wareham Police with the counterfeit note charge.

In another matter, Wareham Police are looking for victims of thefts who have had power tools stolen. Wareham Detectives have recovered a number of stolen power tools that have "distinctive" identifying marks. Call the Wareham Police Detective division at 508-295-1206.

Chief Richard Stanley praised the investigating officers for solving this crime in such a timely manner. Sonny Tavares has a long history of criminal activity and is well known to the Wareham Police. "The men and women of the Wareham Police Department will continue to pursue dangerous felons by adopting a "Zero Tolerance" policy for this type of criminal element", stated Chief Stanley.

