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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

An alert employee of Zecco Marine, # 2 Warr Ave. in Wareham led to the arrest of 31 year old Christopher Franklin of #129 High St. Wareham. During the past three weeks, numerous boats in winter storage had been broken into at the Zecco facility resulting in over \$25,000.00 worth of marine electronics, fishing gear, t.v. and stereo equipment being stolen. The business owners initiated an around the clock surveillance of the facility hoping to catch the perpetrator in the act.

At approximately 11:00 p.m. last night, Wareham Police Dispatchers received a call from an employee of Zecco Marine stating that he observed a male party near the boat storage area dressed in black clothing carrying a duffle bag. He told dispatchers that when he confronted him, the individual dropped the bag and took off running. Wareham Police patrolman saturated the area and Officer Kevin Reilly was first to arrive. He observed a male party fitting the description running up Cedar St. in the vicinity of the marina. He exited his cruiser and quickly placed Franklin in custody.

Christopher Franklin is charged with receiving stolen property over \$250.00, possession of burglarious instruments, and trespassing.

The Wareham Police Department is appealing to the public to be on the lookout for anyone having knowledge of marine electronics or fishing gear being advertised for sale in the immediate area including Cape Cod. Stolen items are traditionally sold at unrealistically low prices and the buyer should be aware that these items could be stolen. Calls can be made to Wareham Police at 508-295-1212 or the Tip Line at 508-291-2300.

In an unrelated incident, Wareham police made four arrests last night at the Red Wing Mobile Home Park, 2900 Cranberry Hwy. At approximately 11:00 p.m. a search warrant was executed at # 33 after a lengthy investigation by Wareham Police Detectives. They were assisted by SEMLEC (Southeast Mass Law Enforcement Council) Rapid Response Team. Inside the residence, they located numerous illegal prescription drugs and drug paraphernalia.

The homeowner, 40 year old Dennis Fahey was charged with Possession of Class B Cocaine. Zachary Moreira, 23 of Palmer St. New Bedford is charged with Possession of Class B Percocet and Possession of Class B Suboxone. Raul Medina, 24 of Pleasantview Ave., Fall River and John Thomas, 41 of Mulberry St., Brockton were arrested on outstanding default warrants issued by New Bedford District Court.

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