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To: All Media Outlets

From Deputy Chief Michael Shaw

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RE: Armed Home Invasion

On January 6th, at approximately 4 pm, Webster Police Officers were dispatched to 40 Lake Street, apartment #3 for a report of a resident inside that had just been assaulted by another male with a firearm. Webster Police Officers Robert Larochelle, Spencer Donovan, Robert Ela, and Robert Rockwood responded in under one minute. Officers Donovan and Rockwood attempted to make entry in to the apartment while Officers Larochelle and Ela monitored the back door.

Officers Donovan and Rockwood made entry into the apartment as the suspect, later identified as Omar Abu, 27, of 78 Dorchester St #1 Worcester, ran out the back door. Officers Larochelle and Ela took him into custody without incident. In doing so, they recovered a small semi-automatic pistol on Abu.

There were three individuals inside the apartment, all of whom reside there. Abu arrived there with the intent of collecting some money that was owed to him from one of the residents. This resulted in him pulling the firearm out and pointing it the resident, and at one point holding it to his forehead. A struggle apparently then ensued and the police were called shortly thereafter. There were no injuries to either the suspect or the victims.

Abu was transported to the Webster Police Department where he was processed and charged with the following:

Attempted Murder

Home Invasion

Three counts of Assault and Battery with a dangerous weapon, to wit a Firearm

Assault and Battery to Collect a Loan

Carrying a loaded Firearm without a license

Possession of ammunition without a license

Possession of a Firearm in the commission of a felony

He was held on \$100,040 and will be arraigned at Dudley District Court today.

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