

From the Bangor Police: Brought to you by handcuffs

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From the Bangor Police Department Facebook page



If Wednesday was a bus passenger; it would be bathed in the fragrance of English Leather. It would be chewing watermelon bubble gum and it would stare at you as you tried to eat the Subway sandwich you purchased at the last roadside lunch and potty break.

Wednesday is a "close talker."

Since the "sandwich artisan" forgot to put on the sweet onion sauce, you offer half of it to your seat-mate. Wednesday doesn't realize that the new found kindness has been embellished by your deep disappointment in the lack of condiments on what could have been the only respite from a now dismal bus trip.

Wednesday doesn't need to know.

Wednesday chew-snaps the Hubba Bubba again and again and again, then declines the offer of the sauce-free, half sandwich. As you bite into the soft bread you hear a whisper from Wednesday: "Just let me take a small bite instead."

Yes, Wednesdays can be annoying.

This week, Got Warrants? is brought to you by our friends at Peerless Handcuff Company. An American company; family owned since 1914. The Gill family at Peerless Handcuffs are fans of "Got Warrants?" and have produced the handcuffs featured in our post today.

While it was called in as an animal problem, Officer Farrar noted that it was really a people problem. We

deal with plenty of people problems and we are but a band-aid on the human condition. A car was parked in the sun at the grocery store and a dog was sitting inside that car. It was a very warm day.

The 2014 Ford Police Interceptor's electronic thermometer read 75 degrees. Farrar stuck his fingers in between the cracked window and door frame of the parked Jaguar. He could tell it was far too warm in the car for the pooch that sat patiently...panting. He called for the Animal Control Officer who carries an instrument specifically made to get an accurate interior temperature reading in cases like this.

The driver of the car arrived with a shopping cart and a poor attitude. We do not believe that the attitude was purchased in the grocery store. If it was, it must have been a buy one, get one free situation. Everyone is a value shopper in this economy.

Farrar said the man must have known that the car was too hot as he ran to the door and opened it, putting down all the windows to cool off the interior before the reading could be taken. The dog was going to be fine.

The man told Farrar that his intervention was, bull\$%^! and that the f*&#(@ dog was fine. Always good to start off a conversation on a positive note. Schooled in the art of keeping a cool head while seeking respite for overheated dogs, Farrar continued the conversation in a manner that would indicate he has been f-bombed before.

Most of us have been strafed by fleets of f-bombers. As a matter of fact, the f-bomb sometimes feels like an old friend that stops by to drink straight from the

Boone's Farm bottle and never flushes after they use the water-closet. You don't love having them around, but who wants to drink the Boone's Farm Tickle-Pink, all by themselves.

The man provided Farrar a Maine driver's license but it was punched with the word, VOID. This posed a problem for the man as he admitted to driving the car to the parking lot. The vehicle had an expired inspection sticker and it appeared that the insurance, on said Jag, was also expired. This gave Farrar an opportunity to explain the virtues of driving WITH a valid license and keeping the paperwork in order. The man was summoned for three violations and the case was turned over to ACO Bruen for further investigation.

Moral to the story. When it is warm out, please make sure a dog has plenty of cool water and lots of ventilation, no matter where he/she is. Sometimes it is good to leave them home to recon the couch cushions rather than swelter in a Jaguar. Just my thoughts.

A man in Second Street Park made the decision to present his private parts in a manner that was not consistent with the appropriate way to introduce yourself to passers-by. A woman that had no choice but to look did not appreciate his gleeful response to the burning she felt in her retinas. Her pleas for him to stop did nothing to slow his somewhat offensive way of tanning his nether regions.

Sgt. Beaulieu located the suspect a short time later. The fluorescent orange shirt the suspect was wearing at the time of the incident was like a lighthouse to a weary sailor. Beaulieu likes to be compared to a sailor in many situations as he demands his men call

him, commodore during daily roll calls. A conversation ensued but the customary handshake was avoided. With the skill of a highly trained investigator, Beaulieu was able to elicit a confession about the illicit behavior (see what I did there). The man said, and I quote, "you caught me red-handed." Controlling his urge to discuss the verbiage and all the connotations that were conjured up in his mind, Beaulieu issued the man a summons for indecent conduct. The man signed the summons and will appear in court later this summer.

I suspect that Beaulieu told the man to keep the pen as a parting gift.

Officer Michael Brennan was having a difficult time catching up to an individual that was wanted on five active arrest warrants. Each time that Brennan would stop by for a visit, the man's lady-friend would hide him in her apartment. The friendly game of cat and mouse was brought to a close when the man was seen inside the apartment by another individual who had the right to be there. The woman had seen the suspect hiding in a closet under a green blanket. Brennan arrived and was invited in. The woman said that her devious darling had made an escape out the back window when he saw Brennan arrive in his black and white chariot.

Already prepared for the hijinks, Brennan had stationed friendly forces outside the apartment to watch for the inevitable back-window shenanigans. Since no one had seen blanket-boy slip through he vinyl clad windows, he knew that the absconder remained within the dwelling. Calling up the stairs and offering a pleasant ride to the hoosegow did

nothing to lure the man from his lair. The woman allowed a full blown search which brought out several more of Bangor's finest to look under beds and other places of hiding.

The tell-tale sign of loose insulation on the floor underneath the attic crawl space entry caused all three cops to stare upward in awe of the man's scampering and hiding techniques. With no available exit from the attic, Officer Mike called for an aluminum ladder and boiling water and towels (he had seen that part in a western. For the record, they never arrived. I add that for you folks that have never seen a good Western.). He used patience and kind words to lure the man over to the small cut-out in the ceiling. Some might refer to it as a hole, we feel it was a porthole to redemption.

Handcuffs were applied to his wrists and the warrants were served. For the record, the warrants were for the following offenses. Failure to appear for eluding an officer, aggravated driving to endanger, operating after suspension, criminal speeding and violating conditions of release.

Additional warrants were for, burglary, theft by unauthorized taking, receiving stolen property and several other motor vehicle issues. The man was taken to jail but we should have charged him a baggage fee. For. He. Had. Plenty.

A man was reported to be wrapped in a clear, plastic trash bag and lying in Second Street Park. Officer Orcutt arrived and had no trouble seeing who he was dealing with. He confirmed the man's active arrest warrants and delivered him to the Penobscot County Jail. The man was unwrapped prior to delivery but the

professional staff observed there was no damage to the package and accepted him as he was.

Officer Farrar and Huggins were sent to a First Street apartment to remove a woman that refused to leave. They were greeted with "beverage service for one" when she came to the door carrying a 24 oz Natty Daddy.

Her friend asked the officers to make her leave but she still refused. She appeared intoxicated and the boys found out that she had bail conditions that prohibited the introduction of spirits into her body. Farrar asked if she would come to the station to take a breathalyzer test voluntarily and she negotiated that if he could bring the breathalyzer to her, she would willingly take it. She even held an imaginary breathalyzer in her hand and demonstrated how she would complete the test if he could appease her and avoid forcing her to leave. The negotiations broke down when she refused to leave again. She was arrested and charged with violation of bail conditions.

The men and women of the Bangor Police Department urge everyone to keep your hands to yourself, leave other people's things alone and be kind to one another. We will be here! We don't have a portable Intoxilyzer.

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New Habitat for Humanity Bangor family named

Last week, Michelle Kessler of Bangor learned that Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor selected her and her daughter to be next Habitat partner family for a home to be built in Bangor.

After receiving the news, "I was both excited and shocked," said Kessler. "After years of living in a small apartment with mold issues and second-hand cigarette smoke from neighboring tenants, I was beginning to lose hope of finding an affordable home." Both the mold and smoke aggravate her daughter's asthma.

The Kessler family will

partner with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor and St. Paul the Apostle Parish to construct a new home on Ohio Street in Bangor. Habitat partner families purchase their home with a \$500 down payment after completing 200 hours of sweat equity per adult. The Kessler family will pay an affordable mortgage on the home once it is completed.

This will be the 18th home built or renovated by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor. However, this is the first time the entire project is being fully funded by another organization. St. Paul the Apostle Parish raised all the funds in order to make this house a possibility. Volunteers from St. Paul will

work side by side with Michelle to help make her home a reality.

"This is one of the projects our parish is working on in this Jubilee Year of Mercy," notes Fr. Timothy Nadeau. "We are following the lead of Pope Francis who writes, 'It is absolutely essential for the Church... to transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them ... to find the road that leads to the Father.'"

Kessler is a single mom who works full time and is raising her daughter on a shoestring budget. "There are hard-working people who just can't afford to own a home with a traditional mortgage," said Kessler. "Habitat offers a hand up

and not a hand out. I feel so blessed to have this opportunity. My daughter and I will finally have a home of our very own with a backyard for her to play in."

"We're so grateful to St. Paul the Apostle Parish for their vision and partner-

ship," said Habitat Bangor's Executive Director Lynn Hempen. "Habitat was founded as a housing ministry in the 70s. Thanks to the faith and hard work of volunteers like the members of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, it has since helped 6.8 mil-

lion people find strength, stability and independence through safe, decent and affordable shelter. We look forward to breaking ground on "St. Paul's House" as soon as the final plans for the home are complete."

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