

# MEDWAY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS RELEASE

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Incident: 123-9774  
Date: July 28, 2023  
Time: 5:16pm

Criminal charges will be filed against Zachary Richard Travers age 30 of Fairhaven Massachusetts due to his actions during an incident which took place in Medway and Milford on Friday July 28, 2023 starting at about 5:16pm. The Fairhaven Police Department had issued a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) requested a wellbeing check on Travers who was believed to be in Medway and to be suffering a mental health crisis. Fairhaven reported that Travers was armed and possibly dangerous.

Medway Patrol Officers Thomas Godino and Katie Sharkey, who were engaged in another call, saw a car matching the description of Travers' car driving on Route 109 shortly after the BOLO was released and broadcast the information.

A short time later, Officer Meghan Casey located and stopped Travers in the area of 84 Milford Street Medway where she engaged with him. During her initial interaction with Travers, she found that he was armed with a sword and a handgun which he brandished during her initial encounter at the driver's side window.

After Travers dropped the handgun, he put on ballistic body armor while Officer Casey continued attempting to deescalate the situation during which Patrol Officers Godino and Sharkey responded to assist. Mr. Travers began repeatedly demanding that Officer Casey shoot him during their encounter.

Mr. Travers fled the scene, and a low-speed pursuit took place. Travers pulled over and fled several times. Officers of the Milford and Holliston Police Departments were called to assist. Travers eventually was stopped at the Route 495 interchange in Milford where he was forcibly removed from his vehicle and taken into custody after pointing a handgun at a member of the Milford Police Department.

Several illegally possessed firearms and illegally possessed dangerous weapons were found in Travers' car and seized by the Milford Police Department.

Travers was arraigned in Milford District Court yesterday on charges filed by the Milford Police Department. He will be charged in Wrentham District Court with several offences for his actions in Medway including Assault by Means of a Dangerous Weapon for brandishing a firearm at Officer Casey.

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