

Providence Incident Report

Summary

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 Case Number: 2026-00031263

Providence Police Department
 ORI Number: RI0040900

Case

Case Number: 2026-00031263 Location: 141 PEMBROKE AVE Providence, RI 02908 Reporting Officer ID: 18164 - Prete	Incident Type: Disturbance Occurred From: 04/24/2026 20:40 Occurred Thru: 04/24/2026 20:40 Disposition: Disposition Date: Reported Date: 04/24/2026 20:40 Friday
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Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
1	State	90C	11-45-1	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1
2	State	13B	11-5-3	SIMPLE ASSAULT OR BATTERY	3
3	State	90Z	12-7-10	RESISTING LEGAL OR ILLEGAL ARREST	1
4	State	90Z	11-32-1	OBSTRUCTING OFFICER IN EXECUTION OF DUTY	1

Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Suspect	1	Mitchell, William M	18 DARTMOUTH AVE APT 2 Providence, RI 02907	[REDACTED]	Black	Male	02/25/1996 30
Victim	1	Palumbo, David	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	White	Male	[REDACTED]/2001 25
Victim	2	Prete, Louis	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	White	Male	[REDACTED]/1992 33
Victim	3	Nazario, Joshua J	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Native Hawaiian/Pa cific Islander	Male	[REDACTED]/1998 27
Victim	4	SOCIETY	[REDACTED]				

Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
132713 A	Mitchell, William M		04/24/2026 20:40	On-View Arrest	30

Property

Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
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Vehicles

No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
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LAPRETE PC NARRATIVE

On Friday, April 24, 2026 at approximately 20:40 Hours I, Ptlm. Louis Prete, Car PC2, PC3, Ptlm. Joshua Nazario, and PC4, Ptlm. Albert Pereira assigned to the Providence College Detail responded to 141 Pembroke Ave to assist the District 7 Units with a dispatched call for a person with a knife that stemmed from previous incident that occurred at Dartmouth St./Broad St. at 1929 Hours (CCR: 2026-31251).

Upon arrival, myself and Ptlm. Nicholas Ayala observed approximately ten subjects in the middle of Pembroke Ave in front of the dispatched address. We then observed a male subject later identified as William Mitchell (DOB: 02/25/96) walking away in what appeared to be distancing himself from the scene by walking in between two Providence College student houses (142 and 146 Pembroke Ave).

At this time, myself along with other officers stopped Michell, frisked him for any weapons to no avail and detained him pending the investigation. During the encounter, Mitchell would continually touch multiple officers including walking back and forth along with talking over officers. He was warned several times to stop this behavior or else he would be placed into a police vehicle. Mitchell did not comply and at that time, he was placed into handcuffs and secured into the rear of a marked police cruiser pending the investigation.

Upon the completion of the investigation, due to all parties on scene not being cooperative, it was determined that Mitchell would not be charged with a crime and who was now calm being able to have a conversation with officers. At this time, he was released from the scene.

Immediately after releasing Mitchell, he retrieved his cell phone and began to record officers acting in a belligerent manner by stating that he was not leaving the sidewalk along with taunting officers by saying "faggots" including other derogatory remarks. Multiple officers provided several commands for him to disperse the area due to the previous public disturbance he was involved in. Mitchell continued to refuse now yelling calling officers "fags" including other obscenities which due to this behavior this was now inciting a crowd to form across the street who were now gathering to watch, including students crowding on the surrounding porches who were yelling back towards him. At one point, Mitchell was directly facing the crowd of students yelling at them in attempt to cause a reaction. It was then, when Ptlm. Pereria and I began to walk towards him, that Mitchell hastily walked away towards Eaton St leaving the area.

When officers reconvened at Pembroke Ave, that is when Mitchell maliciously walked back to the area being tumultuous by inciting a scene again yelling more obscenities at police officers and the PC students again that would disturb the average person of average sensibilities.

It was at this point; officers made the decision that Mitchell would be placed under arrest for disorderly conduct and as officers began to walk towards him, he again would hastily walk away towards 64 Eaton St. That is when Car 271, Ptlm. David Palumbo utilized his marked police vehicle and pulled into the driveway of 64 Eaton St. where Mitchell was standing. Ptlm. Palumbo then approached Mitchell advising he would be under arrest. Ptlm. Pereria and myself approached from behind grabbing ahold of his wrists advising him that he was under arrest.

Mitchell immediately tensed his arms refusing to let officers successfully place him into handcuffs. That is when I provided loud verbal commands for him to place his hands behind his back but Mitchell continued to ignore my commands by yelling over us. While Ptlm. Pereria and I were holding his arms, Ptlm. Palumbo conducted a double leg takedown on Mitchell that successfully took him to the ground. Upon being brought to the ground, Mitchell immediately attempted to regain control by trying to stand up. That is when multiple officers arrived on scene to assist.

While on the ground, I continued to provide loud verbal commands for Mitchell to stop resisting and to place his hands behind his back to which he continued to refuse to comply which Mitchell then kicked Ptlm. Palumbo in the face specifically in the chin area, including spitting in the direction of Ptlm. Ayala.

Due to his violent behavior, that is when Ptlm. Ayala delivered several closed fist strikes to his face/torso area in attempt to stun him in order place him into custody. As officers were able to place Mitchell into a prone position, he then pinned his right arm under his chest refusing to let officers including myself to gain control. I then provided loud verbal commands for Mitchell to stop tensing his arm and to stop resisting to which he again refused. That is when I delivered several closed fist strikes to the right side of his body specially the kidney area, providing an additional command to stop tensing his arm to which he then finally complied and was now placed into handcuffs with the assistance of Ptlm. Labutti.

As officers were standing Mitchell up to escort him to the police cruiser, Mitchell turned and spit in the face of Ptlm. Nazario, as a result, Ptlm. Nazario placed his arm in the area of his neck and upper shoulder in attempt to maneuver his head away. As I grabbed ahold of his upper arm to escort him, Mitchell followed by turning into my direction now spitting directly in my face. Mitchell was then escorted into the rear of a marked police cruiser and transported to Central Station who was still continuously spitting.

While in the Male Processing Center of the cell block, a spit mask had to be placed on him to prevent any further spitting at officers due to his aggressive behavior. Mitchell was also escorted by five officers to the padded cell. That is when he complained of pain and was transported to Rhode Island Hospital by PFD Rescue for a medical evaluation.

Mitchell will be charged by the Patrol Bureau with the following;

One count of RIGL: 11-45-1, Disorderly Conduct

Three Counts of RIGL: 11-5-3, Simple Assault on Ptlm. Palumbo, Ptlm. Nazario and Ptlm. Prete.

One count of RIGL: 12-7-10, Resisting Legal or Illegal Arrest.

One count of RIGL: 11-32-1, Obstructing Officer in Execution of Duty.

Mitchell will be held until the next session of 6th District Court.

Ptln. Pereira sustained an injury during the struggle and completed IOD paperwork, responding to Roger Williams Hospital to be evaluated.

Ptln. Palumbo, Ptln. Ayala, Ptln. Nazario and myself completed blue teams.

Car PC1, Sgt. Hubbard was on scene.

Body Worn Cameras were activated.