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SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES APPREHEND NO-SHOW INMATE

Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian announces the apprehension of an offender who failed to report for his weekend sentence, Charles Jones of Raynham, MA.

Mr. Jones was convicted of driving with a suspended license. His license had been suspended due to a previous drunk driving conviction.

He was ordered by Ayer District Court to serve a 60-day weekend sentence at the Middlesex House of Correction in Billerica, beginning on January 14, 2011.

Authorized under Massachusetts GL 279 section 6A, a court-ordered weekend sentence places the offender free of his own recognizance during the workweek but each Friday night by 6:00pm he is to report to a place of incarceration. The offender remains incarcerated until Monday morning at 7:00am. The process repeats each weekend until the number of days ordered is fulfilled.

On Friday evening, March 11, 2011 Mr. Jones failed to report to the Middlesex House of Correction by the 6:00pm deadline, in accordance with the Ayer District Court order. After Middlesex Sheriff's Office deputies were unable to contact him, an apprehension team was dispatched to search for Mr. Jones. The Massachusetts State Police and local authorities were contacted.

After a thorough and efficient search, Middlesex Sheriff's Office deputies apprehended Mr. Jones without incident early Sunday morning, 12:30am, in Fall River, Massachusetts. Mr. Jones will be arraigned Monday, March 14 in Lowell District Court on an escape charge.

"I am extremely proud of the deputies and correctional officers who worked tirelessly to find and apprehend Mr. Jones," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. "In order to enforce the court's orders, maintain the integrity of the justice system and secure our institutions, we consider all breaches of trust a risk to public safety. The professionalism, resolve and leadership of our officers resulted in the swift and safe apprehension of Mr. Jones."

The Middlesex Sheriff's Office also recognizes and thanks the Attleboro Police Department for their assistance during this search and apprehension.

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