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Man charged with assaulting police officers



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CAMBRIDGE — Several charges have been brought against a Cambridge man following an alleged assault of two police officers at the Department of Social Services Building in Cambridge on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

According to Cambridge police, James Dorsey, 41, of 7 Oriole Drive was charged with two counts of second-degree assault against a police officer, two counts of second-degree assault, resisting arrest, failure to obey a lawful order, disturbing the public peace and trespassing.

Dorsey is being held without bond at the Dorchester County Detention Center. He was held initially on \$50,000 bond, but his bond was increased at an Aug. 26 bail review hearing in Dorchester County District Court.

According to charging documents, Cambridge police were called by security to the Department of Social Services at about 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, for a report of a man yelling at others in the lobby and refusing to leave.

Police said Officers Donald Johnson and John Foster arrived to escort the man from the building. Police said Dorsey was warned he would be arrested if he did not leave on his own.

Dorsey continued to refuse, according to police, and allegedly had a physical altercation with the officers when they tried to arrest him. Police said Dorsey threw an officer to the floor and reached for his Taser. Police said officers tried to stun the man with the Taser twice, but the attempts were ineffective.

According to charging documents, Dorsey then got possession of the police Taser and pointed it at an officer. Police said officers used pepper spray, which also was ineffective. Police said officers regained control of the Taser and arrested Dorsey.

Police said Dorsey was treated and released at Dorchester General Hospital for Taser prong wounds and exposure to pepper spray. Foster was treated and released from the hospital with a wrist injury.



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