

# Portsmouth Police Department

## Press Release

**Date of Release:** August 9, 2010

**Reference:** Indictment of Darren Barboza for Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property and Conspiracy to Commit Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property, Title 18, USC Sections 2314 & 371

**Darren A. Barboza**  
**Age 43**  
**Black Male, Brown Eyes, Black Hair**  
**46 Endinboro Road**  
**Quincy, MA 02169**

Mr. Darren Barboza and other unnamed subject(s) are facing federal charges for operating an interstate theft ring out of Massachusetts. Mr. Barboza is alleged to have targeted numerous car dealerships throughout New England, trafficking in stolen GPS Systems as well as other vehicle parts and accessories across state lines.

Beginning in July of 2009, Portsmouth Police began an in-depth investigation into the numerous thefts, specifically at Portsmouth Ford on the Spaulding Tpke. Patrol Officers Nicole Mercer and Andre Wassouf responded to the initial reports and assisted in the beginning stages of what would turn out to be a year long investigation. Det. Kristyn Bernier was assigned as the lead investigator in the investigation resulting in Mr. Barboza's arrest.

Det. Bernier, assisted by the FBI as well as members of the Framingham, Auburn, Quincy and Stoneham police departments, conducted under cover operations to determine the person responsible for over \$250,000 in thefts from Portsmouth Ford alone. Over 40 GPS systems were stolen from Portsmouth Ford. Each unit sells for \$3,166.67. Det. Bernier, utilizing seized drug money, purchased a stolen GPS, which served to assist in identifying Mr. Barboza and has lead to the suspicion of his involvement in other cases across the region.

Assistant United States Attorney Arnold Huftalen is prosecuting Mr. Barboza and others on behalf of the United States. Mr. Barboza has been denied bail by a Federal District Judge citing him as a danger to the community. Mr. Barboza remains incarcerated in the Strafford County Jail awaiting trial on his felony charges.

If anyone has information regarding this crime or any other, please contact Det. Kristyn Bernier at (603)610-7529 or you can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (603)431-1199. Mr. Barboza is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

By: Det. Capt. Corey MacDonald

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