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### MAN FALSELY POSING AS CONTRACTOR GETS CUFFS NOT STUFF

New Bedford Police Detective Scott Brown and detectives from the New Bedford Police Department's Major Crimes Division arrested **KEVIN GODEK** (27) of New Bedford today for felony larceny stemming after he posed as a legitimate contractor and received thousands of dollars in supplies that he billed to his former employer.

New Bedford Police were first tipped off by an area plumbing supply company about what they thought might be a false order for supplies. Once Detective Scott Brown began to investigate the case he determined that **GODEK**, once an employee of an area contractor, had fraudulently ordered plumbing and other miscellaneous contracting supplies since January of this year from various plumbing and contracting suppliers and had those items billed to the account of his former employer. While some of those invoices were still outstanding, others had unknowingly already been paid. When Detective Brown unraveled the scam, he and the other detectives hid and waited for **GODEK** make what would be his last deal at the former site of Hawthorn Medical located at 570 Hawthorn Street. Once **GODEK** accepted the supplies, New Bedford Police detectives converged on **GODEK** and placed him under arrest ensuring that he got the *cuffs* rather than the *stuff* that he had fraudulently ordered.

As part of his scam, **GODEK** would ask that supplies be delivered to area homes and business that had been recently foreclosed, abandoned or had gone out of business under the guise that he needed these supplies as part of a legitimate contract to perform work at these locations. **GODEK** would then ask the companies to call him prior to delivery so that he could make certain he was at the alleged job site at the time of delivery. Once the materials were delivered, however, **GODEK** would forge the delivery receipt in the name of his previous employer and later load the newly delivered materials into his truck after the delivery driver had left. In some cases, **GODEK** would actually use the stolen supplies to perform work. In other cases, **GODEK** would take the brand new supplies to area scrap metal dealers and sell the material, although it was obviously new, as scrap metal and pocket the proceeds.

While the case remains under investigation, so far Detective Scott Brown has been able to determine that **GODEK** stole over \$10,000.00 worth of supplies as a result of his fraudulent scheme. **GODEK** was charged today with (5) counts of felony larceny and was also served with an outstanding arrest warrant. **GODEK** was arraigned in New Bedford 3rd District Court on these charges, but was set free on personal recognizance by Judge Bernadette Sabra.



# New Bedford Police

## Media Report

**PERSONS FILE Number: 253337**

Name: **GODEK, KEVIN**



Race: WHITE  
DOB: 11/18/1980  
Age: 27  
Sex: MALE  
Eyes: BLUE  
Hair: BROWN  
Height: 71 INCHES  
Weight: 180 LBS



Last known Address: 173 BOLTON ST  
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