



MAINE STATE POLICE

Major Crimes Unit

PRESS RELEASE

Houlton



Agencies Involved: Maine State Police, Major Crimes Unit
Office of the Attorney General

Date & Time of Initial Call for Service: May 29th, 2023 at 1039

Location of Call for Service: Port of Entry, Houlton, Maine

Summary of Call for Service:

At approximately 10:39 am today's date, Maine State Police Trooper Denver Roy attempted to stop a vehicle on Interstate 95 northbound in Houlton. The vehicle continued northbound without stopping and the Trooper observed a sign indicating that the operator had an explosive device on-board.

The vehicle continued and stopped between the US and Canadian Ports of Entry where troopers commanded the driver to get out of the vehicle. The operator then maneuvered the truck towards the Canadian Port of Entry and Corporal Eric Paquette shot at the driver.

The operator was not injured and surrendered to the troopers. The driver was medically cleared and was taken to the Aroostook County Jail charged with Aggravated Reckless Conduct - Class B, Terrorizing - Class D and Failure to Stop - Class E. The operator of the vehicle has been identified as Tony Holford, 42, from Providence, Rhode Island.

The scene is contained and there is no on-going danger to the public.

The Office of the Maine Attorney General and the Maine State Police are collaborating with Canadian authorities to investigate the incident. Crime scene technicians and the Maine State Police Bomb Squad continue to process the scene and are expected to be at the scene through the night. Motorists should avoid the area and look to use an alternate port of entry if necessary.

The Office of the Maine Attorney General will work with the Maine State Police in the coming days to continue the investigation and the events that led up to the officer-involved shooting.