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**ROCKLAND MAN CHARGED WITH STRIKING PEDESTRIAN,
FABRICATING STORY**

BROCKTON – A Rockland man has been arraigned on charges that he allegedly struck a pedestrian and left the scene last Saturday, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Princeton D. Gregory, 54, of Rockland, was arraigned today in Hingham District Court on one count each of Leaving the Scene of a Crash with Personal Injury, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Revoked License, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Soliciting to Commit a Crime, Filing a False Motor Vehicle Insurance Claim, Filing a False Claim to a Government Agency, and Intimidation of a Witness. He was also charged with two counts of Conspiracy. Gregory pleaded not guilty at his arraignment via teleconference today and was held on \$15,000 bail. Should Gregory make bail, he is not to operate a motor vehicle.

On April 4th at 10:41 p.m., Rockland Police were conducting routine patrols and discovered a male subject laying in the middle of the road in the area of Market Street by Howard Street. The 43 year-old male victim had been struck by a vehicle which had fled the area. The victim sustained life-threatening injuries and was medflighted to a Boston hospital for treatment, where he remains.

On April 6, Rockland Police Department received information about a dark gray pickup truck that had been towed away from a condo complex with front-end damage. Rockland Police located the truck at a repair shop and determined that the owner of the truck was Gregory, who was on scene at the repair shop. Gregory reported to police that a friend had borrowed his truck on Friday and had struck a deer along Route 3.

Rockland Police viewed surveillance video, took witness statements and collected clothing, paint chips and vehicle parts from the scene for further forensic testing at the State Police Crime Lab. This morning, Rockland Police interviewed Gregory and informed him of the evidence that their investigation had found and Gregory was placed

under arrest. The charges allege that Gregory struck the male victim with the pickup truck on Friday and left the scene. Gregory then allegedly asked his friend to make a bogus claim to his insurance company of the deer strike.

Gregory is next scheduled to appear in court on May 8, 2020. The case was investigated by the Rockland Police Department.