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On June 8, 2023, the Hollis Brookline Rotary Club sponsored it's annual "Hollis Fast 5K" race in Hollis. This annual event is well known in southern NH, and is a major fundraiser for the Rotary Club. Minor traffic delays do occur for a short period time while this event is underway.

During this years event, Rotary volunteers assisted members of the Hollis Police Department with traffic control at various intersections along the race course. At approximately 7:20 PM, officers stopped traffic from turning southbound from Twiss Ln onto Depot Rd. During this period of time, the driver of a vehicle attempting to turn became argumentative with the volunteer and officer on scene. After arguing about the traffic delay, the driver then drove around the officer, and turned onto Depot Rd, driving over traffic cones in process. At the time he did so, multiple runners were still on the roadway. The vehicle was stopped by duty officers a short distance up Depot Rd.

The driver, identified as Jeffery Pearl, 44, of Milford NH, continued to argue with officers and initially refused to get out of his vehicle. Officers were able to unlock and open the drivers side door, at which point Pearl became cooperative. He was taken into custody without incident, facing charges of Reckless Operation and Obedience to Police Officer (both violation level offenses). Pearl was transported to the Hollis Police Department where he was processed and released on PR bail with an arraignment date at the 9th Circuit Court, Nashua District.

The Hollis Policed Department wishes to remind motorists that although traffic delays such as these can be inconvenient, they are sometimes necessary to ensure public safety. Failure to obey an officer in a situation like this can lead to tragic consequences.