

Lincoln man finds self in more legal trouble

By Chris DeBeck

LINCOLN – A man arrested in late May for driving without a valid license or inspection sticker has found himself in more legal trouble, according to Lincoln police.

Gary Smart, 59, of Lincoln was cited for driving after his license was suspended and violating conditions of release stemming from a May 21 incident on West Broadway, according to Lincoln Detective Mark Fucile.

He was originally arrested on May 21 after a pickup he was driving on West Broadway had a 2011 registration tag and an expired inspection sticker, according to previous reports.

Smart was pulled over and Officers Joshua McKechnie and John Walsh learned that Smart had a suspended license in addition to the expired registration and inspection stickers, according to a previous report.

After he was charged, Smart told Lincoln officers that he would not leave his car unless he saw a member of the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department, according to a previous report. A deputy was not reasonably available, according to Lincoln Public Safety Director Dan Summers, so McKechnie and Walsh were left to arrest Smart.

He did not want to leave the

car, Summers said at the time, but was not yelling or screaming as Lincoln officers eventually removed Smart from the pickup. He was eventually placed in handcuffs and taken to the Lincoln public safety building, where he was bailed out.

Lincoln officers drove Smart to his home, where they noticed three or four legally registered vehicles.

Smart was charged with operating after suspension, which also led to the violation of conditions of his release, prompting a trip to the Penobscot County Jail in Bangor, according to Fucile.

Smart was in Lincoln District Court on Tuesday to answer to the May 21 charges, according to Fucile.

In a letter to the editor posted at www.mainerepublic.com, Smart claims that he does not have to "register my personal property or ask for license to do something I have a free right to do," among other claims.

He also claims in a two-page response to the May 21 charges that he is not bound by Maine criminal law and that McKechnie, Walsh and Public Safety Director Dan Summers harmed him and "operated outside of their constitutional jurisdiction and venue as police officers of the Lincoln Police Department."

Bill Lawrence new Lincoln

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LINCOLN – While he will be in Florida while the town searches for a new replacement, Lincoln's outgoing town manager had a few thoughts on his replacement.

Bill Lawrence officially resigned last week after three years working for the town, first as police chief and later as town manager, both interim and on a permanent basis. He has accepted a job in Florida and his last day in Lincoln is Friday.

He will be moving from Maine to Florida next week, starting his new job on July 21.

During an interview last week, Lawrence said he felt a new town manager must develop an economic plan.

"I've been working on one right now," he said in the interview. "It's one of the projects that I have not got done, based on everything else that is going on right now."

"We have to look at what Lincoln has to offer," Lawrence

Lincoln firefighters to Dube Road

By Chris DeBeck

LINCOLN – Firefighters were able to limit damage of a Monday evening fire at a Dube Road home to a wall