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## Press Release

### Failure to signal when turning Leads to meth seizure, prison term

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With four stolen credit cards and two big bags of crystal methamphetamine in his truck, it seemed a curious moment for Blake Galway to ignore his turn signal. Now he is in prison.

In December of 2012, Galway, 33, of Somerville, was driving with a passenger in his truck when he failed to use a turn signal to enter Grantland Road in Wellesley. Wellesley Police Officer Christopher Cunningham conducted a routine motor vehicle stop based on the infraction. He soon learned that neither Galway nor the passenger had a valid license to drive.

A routine an inventory search of the vehicle yielded, two large bags of crystal methamphetamine were found. The bags weighed 77 grams and 98 grams and four credit cards in the names of three other people. All were later confirmed to have been stolen.

He was indicted by a Norfolk County Grand Jury in early 2013, and has now pled guilty to possession with intent to distribute a class B controlled substance and four counts of receiving a stolen credit card.

"This is an example of how the sometimes unglamorous routines of professional police work can lead to important arrests and convictions," District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said after the plea. "Here a simple traffic stop for failing to signal led to the seizure of 175 grams of methamphetamine and credit cards stolen from three different victims."

Galway pled guilty on May 5; Assistant District Attorney Craig Kowalski requested 4 years in state prison, given his history of previous incarceration and larceny. Judge Thomas Connors ordered the 4 year sentence followed by 2 years of probation supervision, during which he must undergo substance abuse evaluation and treatment, and submit to chemical screens to insure his abstinence.

The passenger in the car and co-defendant, Michael Scanlon, has not changed his plea and is scheduled to have a hearing on his motion to suppress evidence on September 28 in Norfolk Superior Court.

*Please note that Galway's plea in no way disturbs the Constitutional presumption of innocence for his co-defendant.*