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Police arrest 8 door-to-door peddlers last week

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Two groups of solicitors were arrested last week and charged with peddling door-to-door without a permit.

Selling magazine subscriptions and cleaning agents, both groups neglected to register at the police station for a permit.

Prompted by residents' calls, the police picked up six peddlers on Shrewsbury Street around noon Wednesday, Aug. 11.

Matthew Bradway, 18, from Worcester was the only area resident in the group. The others arrested were Jackie Oliver, 26, of Tennessee, Daniel Gibbons, 27, of California, Charles McDowell, 17, of Ohio, Henry Meyer, 20, of New York and Crystal Kelly, 19, from Missouri. The group traveled in a car registered to Serge Jean-Pierre, 15 Ranley Rd., Mattapan.

"It's not unusual to see groups like this in town," said Holden Police Department detective Christopher Carey. "They are supposed to get a solicitor's permit and then we run background checks." He said other towns have had problems with violence, or breaking and entering associated with unpermitted peddlers, so HPD makes contact with the sellers as soon as possible.

On Saturday afternoon, police arrested Stephen Burkhead, 17, of Missouri, and Brian Stone, 29, of Florida, on Harvest Circle for peddling door-to-door.

All are due in court for arraignment and trial, Carey said. Maximum penalty for door-to-door peddling is \$500, or six months in the house of correction.

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