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Boston Police present American flag to Allston man who had his stolen shortly after July 4

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

An Allston man known for prominently displaying an American flag outside his home for the past 58 years came home a few days after the Fourth of July to find the beloved banner apparently had been stolen.

Boston Police officers from District-14 in Brighton this week delivered a new American flag and pole to longtime resident Bob Haggerty.

Word of the disappearance of the Stars and Stripes Haggerty had flown in front of his home for so long “spread quickly through the community,” city police said in a statement.

“Those who walk by Bob’s home have grown accustomed to seeing Bob and the familiar American flag that he’s been proudly flying in front of his residence for as long as he’s lived in the area,” police said. “Those who know Bob know that

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he loves his country and the American flag that represents his country just as much.”

Officers said they caught wind of what had happened.

“They instinctively knew something had to be done to right the wrong,” the police statement said.

On Monday, Officer Steve Law and Sergeant Michael O’Hara showed up at Haggerty’s home with a new flag and pole.

“Hagerty couldn’t have been happier or more grateful,” police said.

Officers said he told them: “God bless America, and God bless you guys.”

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