

# **Ernest Wallace Convicted of Accessory to Murder Odin Lloyd; Acquitted of Murder**

Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced that a Fall River Superior Court jury on Thursday, May 12, 2016, convicted Ernest Wallace of Accessory to Murder After the Fact connected to the June 2013 murder of Odin Lloyd in North Attleboro. The jury also acquitted the defendant of murder.

The jury deliberated for about eight hours during the course of two days before returning its verdict shortly before 4 pm today.

The defendant was immediately sentenced by Judge E. Susan Garsh to serve four-and-a-half to seven years in state prison. Deputy District Attorney William McCauley argued that the defendant should serve the maximum seven year state prison sentence due to the facts of the case. The defendant, through his attorney, requested a three-and-a-half year state prison sentence during today's sentencing hearing.

Mr. Wallace's co-defendant, Aaron Hernandez, was convicted last April of the First Degree Murder of Mr. Lloyd and is currently serving a life prison sentence with no possibility of parole. Another co-defendant, Carlos Ortiz, is slated to go to trial in October.

"I very much respect the jury's verdict. They apparently felt that there wasn't sufficient evidence to prove that Wallace and Hernandez were acting in concert to kill Odin Lloyd. I am happy the jury found that the defendant was guilty of accessory after the fact to murder and was involved in the attempt to cover up the crime. I am pleased he will serve a state prison sentence," District Attorney Quinn said. "I have

great respect for the jury system and want to thank the members of the jury for their service in a long trial. I would like to express my appreciation and admiration for the effort of our prosecutorial and investigatory team. They have made great personal sacrifices to obtain justice for Odin Lloyd, his family and the community.”

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## **East Sandwich Man Arrested for 6th OUI**

Last night, at about 7:45p.m., Massachusetts State Trooper's Russell Patenaude and Dustin Shaw, a recent graduate of the 82nd RTT, were on patrol in the area of the Buzzards Bay rotary when they observed a 2004 Buick Century speeding West on Route 25 in the town of Bourne. Trooper Patenaude activated the cruiser emergency lights and siren and stopped the vehicle in the breakdown of Route 25.

After a subsequent investigation, the operator, William Dickey, 54, of East Sandwich was placed under arrest for operating under the influence of liquor. Dickey was transported to the State Police Barracks in Bourne where he was booked on the following charges and held pending his arraignment at Falmouth District Court:

- Operating Under the Influence (OUI) of Liquor 6th Offense
- Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle
- Traffic Violation on a State Highway
- Speeding
- License Suspended FOR OUI, While OUI

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# Proposed City of New Bedford Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

The Budget Plan calls for \$312 million in General Fund spending. Full budget document can be read [here](#).

- 73% funds mandatory spending obligations (pension contributions, employee healthcare, schools, state assessments for charters, etc.)
- 14% funds the operations of Police, Fire, and EMS Departments
- 13% funds the operations of 30 other city departments

**New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell will deliver his Fiscal Year 2017 City Budget Address to the City Council and the residents of New Bedford.**

The goal of the Budget is sustainability. City government has shrunk from years past to the point where the ability to function of some departments is becoming compromised: The General Fund, for example, now supports 136 fewer positions than it did in 2009. The goal of the proposed budget is to put the City on a steady, long-term trajectory. Our aim is to enable the City to provide the first rate services our residents expect, while easing the demands on the tax payers, residents and businesses alike, by restraining spending and growing the tax base over time.

The Budget Plan creates a sustainable, steady fiscal path going forward, without dramatic further cuts or tax spikes. Increase of \$9.1 million in state funds (which consists largely of additional support

for School Department) has been important factor in creating this overall fiscal environment.

The Budget Plan's main areas of focus are public safety and schools.

## **Public Safety**

Fire Department costs remain a key budget driver. Though not as large as last year's (FY2016) 18% increase for the Fire Department, a proposed (FY2017) 12.4% increase is included to avoid firefighter layoffs and continue to gradually transition the Fire Department off of the federal SAFER grant. Recent and planned investments in the Fire Department (a new South End station, three new trucks, multiple station repairs, new equipment, and major consecutive operating budget increases) together represent the single most comprehensive commitment to fire protection in decades.

The Budget allows the Emergency Medical Services Department to significantly expand ambulance service for the public while remaining net positive from a revenue perspective.

The Budget also provides for increased enforcement against the sale of synthetic marijuana products, a rapidly escalating problem for the community.

## **Schools**

Additional state aid helps make possible an increase in school spending of more than 6%, or \$7.7 million. Budget funds important areas to help accelerate ongoing school reforms, including:

- Full-day Fridays at the city's elementary schools (the first full Fridays since 1975).
- Twelve additional English Language Learner ("ELL") teachers, other ELL staff and supports

- Funding for Hayden McFadden Turnaround Plan
  - Key technology upgrades
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## **Driver pulled from major accident on 195, evacuated by helicopter to Boston**

For unknown reasons, a truck slammed into the back of a fully-loaded gravel truck on 195 eastbound around 4am this morning between Faunce Corer Road and 140. Traffic was backed up for hours from New Bedford to Dartmouth. One driver was in serious condition and medically evacuated by helicopter by Boston MedFLight. This video by Carlos Pimentel Felix shows firefighters pulling the trucks apart so they can pull the driver from the truck and the helicopter landing and taking off.

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## **District Attorney releases names and status of each Taunton stabbing victim**

Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III  
Statement:

As all of you are aware, Taunton was struck by horrific acts of violence last night. Three people are dead, and five others

were injured, some very seriously. My office, in conjunction with Massachusetts State Police and Taunton Police, are in the process of interviewing scores of witnesses and the surviving victims.

As with any incident of this scale that also involved a law enforcement shooting, my office will in the coming weeks release a full report on all the facts and circumstances of this tragic incident. Until that point, I hope you will all understand that we are limited in what we can discuss prior to the completion of an extensive and thorough investigation.

At this time, I will discuss the status of our investigation and identify the victims.

At shortly after 6 p.m., Arthur Justin DaRosa, 28, a life-long Taunton resident, was attending his child's soccer practice at a field on Myricks Street in Taunton. At some point while he was there, he left the field, got into a 2010 Honda Accord owned by the mother of his child and began driving along Myricks Street.

While driving, DaRosa struck a parked 2000 Ford Ranger pickup truck and then exited his vehicle. DaRosa then began attempting to enter various homes along Myricks Street.

At around 6:30 DaRosa eventually gained entry to a home at 270 Myricks Street, where Patricia and Kathleen Slavin were having dinner. It is unclear at this time, how DaRosa gained entry to the home.

Once inside the home, DaRosa stabbed both women and then ran from the residence. Both women were transported to Morton Hospital in Taunton, where Patricia Slavin was pronounced dead at 7:52 p.m. Kathleen Slavin was med-flighted to Brigham and Womens Hospital in Boston, where she remains in serious condition.

DaRosa, according to witness statements, attempted to assault

and steal the vehicles of multiple individuals who were driving or stopped along Myricks Streets.

After failing to gain access to any of the vehicles, DaRosa returned to the Honda Accord and sped off towards the Silver City Galleria Mall.

At approximately 6:40 p.m., DaRosa crashed into the front door of the Macy's department store at the mall. DaRosa exited his vehicle, ran into Macy's and physically assaulted at least three women inside the store. The women all sustained non-life-threatening injuries during the assaults. Two have been released from the hospital.

DaRosa then exited the mall briefly before re-entering near Bertucci's Italian Restaurant. Once inside the restaurant, DaRosa armed himself with a knife from the restaurant and attacked a waitress, later identified as Ms. Sheenah Savoy.

Ms. Savoy was stabbed multiple times. During the stabbing of Ms. Savoy, George Heath intervened in an attempt to stop the assault. Mr. Heath was then stabbed in the head and mortally wounded.

At this time, off duty Plymouth County Sheriff's Deputy James Creed, who was having dinner at Bertucci's with his wife, displayed his badge, identified himself as a law enforcement officer and gave multiple commands for DaRosa to drop the knife. When DaRosa refused to comply, Deputy Creed shot him once in the abdomen.

DaRosa was rushed to Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River where he was pronounced dead around 8 pm. Mr. Heath was transported to Morton Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 8:07 p.m. Ms. Savoy was med-flighted to Rhode Island Hospital, where she remains in serious condition.

We have learned from family members that DaRosa checked

himself into Morton Hospital Monday night and was released early Tuesday morning. His sister has indicated that he was acting in a disturbed manner and making irrational statements earlier on Monday, and she suggested to him that he needed to seek help. We are in the process of following up on that information as part of the investigation.

The only bright spot in this terrible incident is the conduct of two individuals in Bertucci's.

I would like to comment on the actions of Mr. Heath. He was eating dinner with his wife, as any of us could have been doing. He saw the waitress being stabbed and without concern for his own safety, he intervened and quite possibly saved her life, and the lives of others including his own wife. This shows extraordinary character and courage that tragically cost him his life. Coincidentally, a good friend of my wife's was friends with Mr. Heath, and she indicated she was not surprised by his actions because that's the type of man he was. His actions of heroism should not be forgotten.



George Heath, a visual design instructor at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School.

I would also like to **commend the conduct of Deputy Plymouth**



**County Sheriff James Creed.** He also was having dinner when confronted by this extraordinarily violent and dangerous situation. He reacted in a professional, but heroic manner by taking the only course of conduct that was available to him at the time. He prevented further carnage from occurring by his actions.



Plymouth County Sheriff's Deputy James Creed's.

My thoughts and prayers go out to all people impacted by this horrendous event, especially the family members of the deceased and injured, along with members of the community.

#### Victims:

- Patricia Slavin, 80, of Taunton, was stabbed inside her home at 270 Myricks Street. She was transported to Morton Hospital and pronounced dead at 7:52 p.m.
- George Heath, 56, of Taunton, was stabbed at Bertucci's Italian Restaurant, transported to Morton Hospital and pronounced dead at 8:07 p.m. Mr. Heath was a visual design teacher at the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School.
- Kathleen Slavin, 48, of Taunton, was stabbed at her home

at 270 Myricks Street and transported to Morton Hospital before being taken to Brigham and Womens Hospital. She is currently in stable condition at the intensive care unit.

- Sheenah Savoy, 26, of Taunton, was stabbed at Bertucci's Italian Restaurant. She was med-flighted to Rhode Island Hospital. She is in serious condition.
  - Wendy Ann Oliveira, 45, of Berkley, was assaulted inside Macy's and was transported to Morton Hospital. She has since been released from the hospital.
  - Laura Miola, 65, of Taunton, was assaulted inside Macy's and was transported to Morton Hospital and then was transferred to Brigham and Women's Hospital. She is expected to recover from the assault.
  - Jucelia Gleason, 38, of Taunton, was assaulted inside Macy's and was transported to Morton Hospital. She has since been released from the hospital.
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## **Plymouth Sheriff Deputy James Creed's heroic actions in Taunton detailed**

Statement of Plymouth County Sheriff Joseph D. McDonald, Jr. – May 11, 2016

In response to inquiries from the press and the public, I am able to confirm that Plymouth County Deputy James Creed of this department was the officer responsible for intervening and stopping an apparent random attack at the Galleria Mall in Taunton Tuesday evening.

Deputy Creed, who joined PCSD in 2005, was off-duty and dining

with his wife at the restaurant as events unfolded. As an academy-trained officer, he discharged a single round from his personal firearm, bringing the attack to an end. He then remained at the scene to render aid to the victims and Mr. DaRosa. He was in civilian clothes at the time of these events.

This investigation is under the direction of Bristol County District Attorney Thomas Quinn, Massachusetts State Police assigned to his office, and Taunton Police.

On a personal level, understandably I am proud of Deputy Creed, his heroic actions and his ability to apply his professional training and restraint in an obviously traumatic and perilous situation. I am also relieved that through his swift and deliberate response, further additional loss of life or injury to other bystanders was averted.

I also want to extend my condolences to the families of those who have suffered losses from these tragic events, and offer wishes of a safe recovery for those injured.

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## **New Bedford Showcases More Than 3,500 Student Artists in Annual District-wide Art Show**

In Massachusetts' largest exhibit of student art, New Bedford Public Schools will showcase the creativity of more than 3,500 student artists during the annual NBPS District-Wide Art Show at the Paul Rodrigues Administration Building at 455 County Street.

The District-Wide Art Show is Thursday, May 12 with doors opening at 5:00 p.m. beginning with performances by the All-City Middle School Jazz Band and Jazz Combo.

Works displayed at the show include two dimensional, mixed media and three dimensional sculptures from students in grades K-12.

Thousands of children, parents, educators and community members will gather for a recognition ceremony at 6:00 p.m., with the show continuing through 7:15 p.m. with a performance by the Renaissance Community School for the Arts String Ensemble

At 6:00 p.m., a recognition ceremony will include Mayor Jon Mitchell, members of the School Committee and City Council, and Superintendent Pia Durkin.

Tracy Silva Barbosa, a New Bedford community artist, will be the keynote speaker at the recognition ceremony. Ms. Silva Barbosa painted a beautiful mural at Sgt. William H. Carney Academy this year.

Middle and high school student artists will be recognized by an expert panel of independent judges. Exemplary works will receive a Gold Key or Silver Key for Excellence in Visual Arts award.

For the Best in Show category, Evelyn Rodman at the middle school level and Abby Jupin at the high school level were this year's winners.

Through the work of the districts' visual art teachers, who collectively mounted the exhibit for the benefit of their students, this spectacular show is on display during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through May 20. Art is located throughout the first and second floor hallways at the Paul Rodrigues Administration Building.

"We are excited to welcome New Bedford parents and community members to our annual art show to see the talented, beautiful work of our kids under the instruction of our educators in art," said Superintendent Durkin. "This year is an especially exciting show because with the restoration of a full week of school beginning in September for elementary students, New Bedford's children will now have more access not only to visual arts, but also music, health, technology and physical education. These are all major components of a child's well-rounded education and we are looking forward to this opportunity for New Bedford students."

For more information about the visual or performing arts in the New Bedford Public Schools contact Lynn Souza, Director of Fine Arts and Music, at 508-997-4511 ext. 3352.

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## **Video: New Bedford firefighters pull man from serious car accident**

Here's another look at Sunday's two-car accident at the intersection of Tarkiln Hill Rd and Belleville Ave. Two cars collided with one knocking over a fire hydrant near the Gas Express. New Bedford Fire Department firefighters can be seen pulling a man with injured legs from one of the vehicles.

Video by Carlos Pimentel Felix.

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# **New Bedford Adds Custom Built Tower Ladder Truck to Fire Department Fleet**

At a press conference in front of City Hall earlier today, Mayor Jon Mitchell joined with Fire Chief Michael Gomes and members of the New Bedford Fire Department to unveil a new custom built tower ladder truck recently acquired by the City of New Bedford.

The new ladder apparatus is the most recent example of the City's commitment to investing in the infrastructure and equipment needs of its public safety departments generally and specifically in its Fire Department. Under the City's Capital Improvement Plan, a long-term plan for addressing City facilities and equipment needs, the New Bedford added two new custom built fire engines to its fleet in the fall of 2014.

"The acquisition of the new ladder is part of the City's broader Capital Improvement Plan and it is through that plan that we are able to modernize our equipment and facilities at a rapid pace while at the same time conserving taxpayer dollars. This type of long-range planning represents an entirely different approach to capital improvements than has been taken in the past and it is producing positive results," said Mayor Mitchell.

This is the first ladder truck purchased for the Fire Department since 2008 and the first tower ladder of this type in the City's history. The custom built truck was designed and constructed over the course of 14 months and features a 95 foot ladder with a rescue basket. It features a stainless steel body, galvanized rails, and is able to flow up to 2,000 gallons of water per minute.



Josh Souza / New Bedford Guide

“This new tower ladder gives the New Bedford Fire Department a set of capabilities that we have not had in the past. This is a game changer for us,” said New Bedford Fire Chief Michael Gomes.

Today, with the addition of the ladder truck, the Fire Department will again reduce the average age of its front line vehicles. Existing Ladder #3 will transition to reserve status and Quint Ladder #5 will be retired from service.

Under the City’s long-term Capital Improvement Plan, the City of New Bedford has also conducted exterior repairs to Fire Station #8 on Acushnet Avenue and interior repairs are about to begin. Funding is also in place to conduct major repairs to two other City fire stations.

Earlier this year, Mayor Mitchell announced the City’s commitment to construct a South End Public Safety Center to house fire, EMS and police services in a single facility that will modernize and better coordinate public safety services in New Bedford’s South End, as recommended by the independent public safety facilities review conducted by FACETS in 2015. This will be the first fire station constructed in New Bedford in over 60 years.

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# **16th century Spanish galleon replica to visit New Bedford May 19-22**

El Galeon, a full-size replica of a 16th century Spanish galleon will be visiting New Bedford from May 19th to May 22nd. The vessel will be parked at the State Pier and open to the public daily from 10am – 7pm. Tickets can be purchased at the dock, \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.

“El Galeon, a full-size replica of a 16th century Spanish galleon. One of the most exciting international nautical events of 2016, Spain delivers a full-size reconstructed Spanish sailing vessel used in early Colonial times to ports on Florida’s East and West coasts. With daily tours providing unforgettable memories and information about 16th century European sailing techniques and technology, El Galeón will tell the 500 year story since the arrival of Juan Ponce de León on the Eastern shores of Florida. A 1/1 scale reconstruction of a 16th Century Spanish galleon, she sails up and down the Eastern US Coast. Spanish Galleons, used primarily for their cargo transporting abilities, were frequently bought and sold by Spanish and English governments during the 1600s, and often taken over and converted into Pirate ships in the rough Caribbean sea waters.”