

# Crypto Advocate, Attorney, & Swansea Resident looking to challenge Elizabeth Warren in Senate race

John Deaton is taking a “serious look” at running as a Republican candidate against Massachusetts senator Elizabeth Warren. Deaton is a private attorney, a vocal advocate for the crypto industry, and a Swansea resident.

According to the Boston Globe, if Deaton runs, the Republican Party may be aiming not only at a direct victory over Warren in Massachusetts but also to engage her in a competitive race and prevent her from raising money for other candidates and causes.

Deaton was born in Detroit, is a former U.S Marine, and now owns Deaton Law Firm in Providence, Rhode Island. With over 300,000 followers on twitter, he is a leading voice online in the Crypto community. He has also used his platform to point out his disagreements with Senator Warren.

*A reflection of our times:*

*Senator Warren's misleading comments being corrected by regular people. <https://t.co/7v5k00kKk8>*

*– John E Deaton (@JohnEDeaton1) January 22, 2024*

Elizabeth Warren is known as one of Congress' most prominent crypto skeptics, aggressively pushing legislation that cracks down on the industry. A spokesperson for Warren recently said in a statement.

“Senator Warren is taking nothing for granted. She has a strong record of delivering for working families and continues to fight hard for the people of Massachusetts,”.

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## **PSA: Presidents’ Day schedule for trash and recycling collection in New Bedford**

The City of New Bedford Solid Waste & Recycling Collection sent out a notice that trash pickup will be delayed next week in New Bedford. In observance of Presidents Day, there will be no trash collection on Monday, February 19th.

- For residential collection, all trash, recycling, and bulky pickups will be delayed 1 day.
- For Downtown & Commercial collection, there will be no collection on Monday. Tuesday-Friday will be on schedule.
- For Business cardboard pickup, Monday & Tuesday collection will be delayed 1 day. Fridays will be on schedule.

*The recycling center will be closed on Monday.*



**NOTICE**  
**City of New Bedford**  
**Solid Waste & Recycling Collection**

**In Observance of PRESIDENTS DAY**  
**There will be no collection on**  
**Monday, February 19, 2024**

**Residential Collection**  
**ALL Trash, Recycling & Bulky Pickup.**  
Monday-Friday Routes · Collection will be delayed **1 DAY**

**Downtown & Commercial Collection**  
No collection on holiday, Monday 2/19/24  
Tuesday-Friday routes · On schedule

**Business Cardboard Pickup**  
Monday 2/19/24 and Tuesday 2/20/24 · Collection will be delayed 1  
Day,  
Friday Route 2/23/24 · On schedule

**Recycling Center**  
**CLOSED Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> ·**  
To learn what can be dropped off, visit:  
**[NewBedfordRecycling.org](http://NewBedfordRecycling.org)**  
**1103 Shawmut Ave**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday · 12:00PM to 5:00PM  
Saturday · 7:30AM to 3:00PM

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# Massachusetts residents recruited to “Defeat Trump in the 2024 Primaries” using slick tactic

Massachusetts residents have been posting screenshots on social media of a text they received to switch parties and defeat Donald Trump in the 2024 primaries. This is a campaign to enroll Democrats as “unaffiliated voters” in Massachusetts as a way to deny Donald Trump delegates and help Nikki Haley beat Trump in the primary.

The message says it’s paid for by the “Primary Pivot PAC”, whose mission statement on their website reads,

*“PrimaryPivot is dedicated to protecting our democracy by defeating Donald Trump in the 2024 Republican primaries. Through his words and actions, Donald Trump has demonstrated a disturbing disregard for the principles that underpin our democracy.*

He has shown a shocking lack of faith in the peaceful transfer of power and a blatant disregard for the rule of law. These actions represent a clear and present danger to the integrity of our nation and its democratic processes. Our purpose is not to engage in partisan politics, but to safeguard the core values that have guided our country for generations.”

Below is the message that residents are receiving via text, what are your thoughts on this?



URGENT message for Massachusetts Democrats:

Do you want to defend democracy by voting against Trump in the Republican primary?

You need to change your party affiliation to "Unenrolled" in order to make your vote count in the only competitive primary.

On the Democratic side, Joe Biden is going to win the nomination in a landslide.

On the Republican side, Nikki Haley and Donald Trump are very different. Trump is a proud election denier. Haley recognizes Biden won.

Go to this website TODAY to change your party affiliation: [304facts.net/r/\\_Sez6pPneFGX](https://304facts.net/r/_Sez6pPneFGX)



Text Message

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# Crash in North Dartmouth

# **injures Massachusetts State Trooper**

A Massachusetts State Trooper was involved in an accident on Route 6 in Dartmouth on Wednesday night.

The trooper collided with a 2009 Chevy Silverado just after 5pm.

The operator of the Silverado was uninjured but the State Trooper was transported to a nearby hospital with minor injuries. The cause of the crash and who is at fault is currently unknown.

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## **PSA: New Bedford's Route 18 closing for South Coast rail construction**

As part of the South Coast Rail Project construction of the new pedestrian bridge across Route 18 and Acushnet Avenue, the MBTA's contractor will be erecting temporary support steel structures (falsework) over Route 18, which will be used to support the placement and construction of the new permanent bridge steel.

When complete, the pedestrian bridge will provide a neighborhood connection to the new MBTA Station on Acushnet Avenue at the Whale's Tooth Parking Lot in New Bedford. This work will require overnight closures of Route 18 and adjacent roads.

The following is a tentative schedule of closures, subject to change:

- **Tuesday Night Feb. 20 – Acushnet Avenue:** traffic will be diverted to Herman Melville Blvd.
- **Wednesday Night Feb. 21 – Route 18 Northbound at Route 6/Mill St. and Hillman St.:** traffic will be diverted to Herman Melville Blvd. and Purchase St. (see map on back)
- **Thursday Night Feb. 22 – Route 18 Southbound at Purchase St. exit:** traffic will be diverted to Purchase St. (see map on back)
- **Sunday Night Feb. 25 – Route 18 Southbound or Purchase Street Ramp:** traffic diversions as described above or below.
- **Monday Night Feb. 26 – Route 18 Purchase St. Ramp:** Traffic will be diverted to the next Route 18 exit (Route 6 West exit onto Pleasant St./Purchase St.).

*Overnight work hours and detours are scheduled for 8 PM to 5 AM.*



# Route 18 Southbound Closure

**ROAD CLOSED**  
(Southbound Only)



Rt. 18

Off-Ramp

18

DETOUR

Purchase St

18

Kempton St

6

DETOUR

N. Sixth St

DETOUR

Union St

18



*Google Maps photo.*



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# Massachusetts man accused of murdering girlfriend, escaping prison, is caught again in Kenya

On January 30, we reported that 40-year-old Kevin Adam Kinyanjui Kangethe, wanted in connection with killing 31-year-old Margaret Mbitu of Whitman, Massachusetts, was apprehended at a nightclub by Kenyan authorities.

Kangethe is suspected of stabbing Mbitu to death sometime between October 30 and November 4, 2023. then dumping her body in a garage at Logan Airport.

Massachusetts District Attorney Kevin Hayden said that his office was informed by federal officials that Kangethe escaped from police custody in Kenya. "It is our hope that Kenyan law enforcement will do their utmost to recapture Kangethe so that we can continue seeking justice for Margaret Mbitu and her family," Hayden said.

Kangethe escaped the prison despite there being four officers on duty. The opportunity to escape was made possible when Kangethe was removed from his cell and placed in an office to meet with his attorney John Maina Ndegwa who had scheduled the meeting.

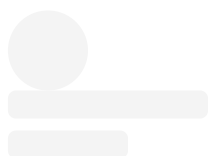
Nairobi Police Chief John Maina Ndegwa called Kangethe's escape "embarrassing." All four of the officers who were on duty have been arrested.

In a press conference, Mbitu's family was livid at Kengethe's escape. Mbitu's cousin Joel Muhoro visibly angry with officials, said "I don't have no words. They had him. They told us they had him and they let him walk out. So who can we trust?"

On Wednesday, February 14th, Authorities in Kenya said the man suspected of murder in Massachusetts was rearrested after he escaped local authorities a week earlier while awaiting extradition. They did not elaborate on the details of the arrest.

When news broke last week that Kangethe escaped prison, the family of Margaret Mbitu was devastated and many were exposing the Kenyan Police Department as being heavily corrupt.

Kangethe is expected to get sent back to the United States, and we will follow up with details as new information is released.



[View this post on Instagram](#)

A post shared by New Bedford Guide (@newbedfordguide)

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## **Massachusetts woman encourages housing of migrants, “It’s like having my own personal chef”**

A Massachusetts woman has taken the internet by storm after sharing her experience housing migrants in her own home. She is hosting a family of Haitian migrants and told reporters it is like having her own “personal chef” in the house.

Lisa Hillenbrand told NBC 10 Boston “They are hard-working, they want to learn, they want to be successful, and I feel great helping, and I get to understand the refugee crisis from the inside.”



This video sparked plenty of pushback on social media with many wondering why homeless American citizens and veterans aren't getting this treatment and attention.

*As the spouse of a legal immigrant, who spent 12 years following every law in this country, this is pretty sad. if only those people got the support and help they need. What about veterans and people who are citizens in need of a job?*

*– Michael Gates (@RecDawg34) February 13, 2024*

WBZ Boston recently interviewed another family who is now housing 4 migrants in their home. "I gotta get sheets on the beds! How many are coming? Where are they from? What are their ages?" the woman eagerly said. Once she agreed to host, 4 migrants were dropped off at her house within 1 hour, which just shows how important of an issue the migrant housing crisis is becoming in Massachusetts.

*It begins...*

*A woke couple in Massachusetts signed up to host illegal migrants in their home*

*Within an hour, 4 illegals were dropped off at their doorstep by the state*

*"I gotta get sheets on the beds! How many are coming? Where are they from? What are their ages? We knew...  
[pic.twitter.com/Zo53SZ5eNa](https://pic.twitter.com/Zo53SZ5eNa)*

*– End Wokeness (@EndWokeness) February 11, 2024*

Governor Healey and her administration began asking Massachusetts residents to host migrant families in their homes in 2023. Now in early 2024, it appears some residents

are opening their homes.

*Massachusetts Asks Citizens to House Migrants During State of Emergency*

*The Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, Kim Driscoll, has appealed to citizens of the state to assist with an influx of migrants. This influx of migrants has caused a severe lack of shelter availability in... [pic.twitter.com/tVHHdSaKhU](https://pic.twitter.com/tVHHdSaKhU)*

*– justredpillme (@justredpillme) November 10, 2023*

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## **New Bedford Detectives raid north end residence, charge one with trafficking Fentanyl, cocaine**

NEW BEDFORD – Narcotics detectives have placed a local man under arrest following a drug raid at his residence.

On Saturday, February 10th, Detective Jonathan Miranda concluded an investigation into a cocaine distribution operation being conducted out of an apartment on Phillips Ave. The target of the investigation was 35-year-old JARROD ALVES.

During a search warrant execution at his apartment, ALVES was found to be in possession of over 157 grams of cocaine and 80 grams of fentanyl, as well as Xanax, Ecstasy, and mushrooms. ALVES was also found to have digital scales and packaging materials used in the processing of narcotics to prepare them

for street-level sales. In addition, over \$2400 in cash was seized from the apartment as a result of it being proceeds from illicit drug activity.

ALVES was placed under arrest and charged with a number of offenses including trafficking in cocaine, trafficking in fentanyl, and possession with intent to distribute classes A, B, C, D, and E. He was previously convicted of possession with intent to distribute class A in 2014, making this a subsequent offense that can carry stiffer penalties.

At the time of this arrest, ALVES was on probation out of Bristol Superior Court. He has a history of convictions for a variety of charges including firearm offenses, assault with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, and assault and battery on a police officer.

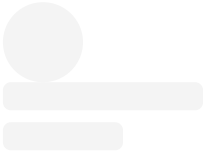
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## **Wrong way driver in New Bedford does three point turn in front of oncoming traffic**

A New Bedford resident's dash-cam captured a car driving on the wrong side of the highway, stop, and complete a three point turn in front of oncoming traffic. They sent the dash-cam footage in to New Bedford Guide with the following caption,

"On Rt.140 this morning someone decided it would be a good idea to drive on the wrong side of the highway. They realized it and did a three-point turn to go back in the right direction. Luckily, my daughter had a dash cam to capture this stupidity." The video was sent in by Paul DeSousa.

Wrong way drivers cause between 300-400 deaths per year in America. Just a few months ago, on Christmas night, a wrong way driver killed a family of three in Somerset, Massachusetts. A stark reminder that although nobody was hurt in the following video, this could of been a devastating situation.



[View this post on Instagram](#)



# Missing persons, violent fugitives, prostitution; Dartmouth motels are becoming a serious issue

On Wednesday night, a SWAT team breached the Best Western Motel on Route 6 in Dartmouth to capture a dangerous fugitive wanted on 7 warrants. Dartmouth Police got their man, Royleton Haston, Jr., 22, of Plymouth, Massachusetts, thankfully without incident.

But this unfortunately is not a unique scenario, as Dartmouth Police are constantly called to this strip of motels along Route 6 which is a hub of crime in an otherwise safe town of Dartmouth. If something shady is happening in Dartmouth, the overwhelming odds are that it's happening along this strip of Route 6. I know this because I live nearby and I see it daily.

Following the arrest of the fugitive on Wednesday, Dartmouth Chief of Police, Brian P. Levesque noted,

“Sadly, dangerous fugitives such as Haston, Jr. are frequently found while hiding in the hotels and motels in our town. Had it not been for the keen observation of a new officer, and the rapid response of the numerous assets available to us, it is more than likely that Haston, Jr. would still be putting the public in danger by once again eluding arrest.”



Clearly, the Dartmouth Police are proactively attacking this issue; just last week they arrested 7 individuals in an undercover sting operation held at these motels. The Dartmouth Police Department Investigative Services Division, in partnership with the Massachusetts State Police High-Risk Victims Unit, conducted an undercover sting operation to combat the growing threat of prostitution and commercial sexual exploitation.

Throughout the day and night, detectives working in an undercover capacity arranged to meet with suspects at a local hotel/motel through an online ad that was posted. As a result of the operation, a total of 7 men were arrested and charged with sexual conduct for a fee.

Following this operation, Dartmouth Chief of Police Brian P. Levesque noted,

“This operation was the direct result of our commitment to combating the ongoing issues that we are experiencing at our local hotels and motels. Though it is impossible to completely eradicate the inherent problems that come with the transient environment that these establishments support, I would like it to be known that we, along with our partners at the State Police, will be taking further progressive measures to suppress this activity moving forward.”

Along with daily petty crime, housing fugitives, and operating as a hub for prostitution, it is also important to mention that a man has been missing for three years after his last known whereabouts was checking into one of these motels. Henry V Fermino was 60 years old when he went missing on May 9th 2021 and was last seen at the “Capri Motel” at 741 State Rd in North Dartmouth, MA.

He checked into the Capri Motel by himself Saturday on 05/08/2021 for two nights. On Sunday 05/09/2021 the girlfriend of Henry stated she received a phone call from a stranger’s

phone and had a voicemail from Henry at around 8:00 AM. Some strangers while having breakfast stated they observed Henry crossing Route 6 away from the Motel.

Later that day, the housekeeper stated that around 2:00 PM she saw Henry with an unknown male she had never seen before but no vehicle was parked out front. His cell phone last pinged in the area of the Motel up until Tuesday 05/11/2021. The housekeeper stated she found Henry's cell phone while cleaning his room on Monday 05/10/2021. Henry has not been seen or heard from since.

