

# Massachusetts man pleads guilty in fatal jet ski crash

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan, Massachusetts Environmental Police Majors Patrick Moran and David Loos, and Chelmsford Chief of Police James Spinney have announced that Douglas Dematos, 34, of Lowell has pled guilty to charges in connection with a fatal jet ski crash that took place on August 13, 2017, in Chelmsford.

Mr. Dematos pled guilty Monday in Lowell Superior Court to charges of operating a jet ski while under the influence of alcohol, causing a death. Judge Kathe Tuttmann sentenced Dematos to six years to six years and one day in state prison.

At approximately 10:34 p.m., on Sunday, August 13, 2017, Chelmsford Police responded to the Merrimack River for a report of a disturbance. Upon arrival, officers conducted a preliminary investigation and learned that two jet skis had collided on the river and that the female who was riding on the jet ski struck by Dematos had been thrown from the watercraft and was missing. Shortly after 10:00 a.m. on August 14, the body of Isabelle DaSilva, age 16, of Lowell, was recovered from the river. Evidence gathered during the investigation showed that Dematos had been operating the jet ski that struck the rear of the other jet ski being ridden by the female victim and another male. Officers at the scene observed Mr. Dematos to be showing signs of intoxication. Mr. Dematos' blood was later tested and determined to be well above the legal limit.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, the Chelmsford Police Department and Massachusetts Environmental Police. The Chelmsford Fire Department, State Police and the Lowell Police/Fire Dive Team assisted in the recovery efforts.

The prosecutors assigned to this case are Assistant District Attorney Daniel Harren and Assistant District Attorney Ashlee Mastrangelo. The Victim Witness Advocate is Leia Kaplan.

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## **Thirteen men, seven from New Bedford, charged with drug trafficking, money laundering**

Thirteen men were indicted on Dec. 4, 2019, and charged in federal court in Boston with various drug trafficking offenses and money laundering.

The following individuals were indicted:

- Yuen Liu-Torres, a/k/a “Chino,” 36, of New Bedford, was charged with conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine, and conspiracy to launder monetary instruments;
- Victor Alejandro-Carrillo, 28, of New Bedford, was charged with conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine, 100 grams or more of heroin and 40 grams or more of fentanyl;
- Elvis Garcia, 37, of New Bedford, was charged with conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine;
- Jose Rodriguez-Garcia, a/k/a Pina, 35, of New Bedford, was charged with conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine and conspiracy to launder monetary instruments;

Jose L. Diaz Fontanez, 45, of New Bedford, was charged with conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine and possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine;

- Keon Green, 34, of New Bedford, was charged with conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine;

- Ricardo Correa-Perez, 44, of New Bedford, was charged with conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine;

- Caly Juan Montanez Agosto, a/k/a "Cali," 38, of Puerto Rico, was charged with conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine;

- Manuel Colon, 48, of New Bedford, was charged with conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, 100 grams or more of heroin and 50 grams or more of fentanyl;

- Jaime Torres, 45, of Fall River, was charged with conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, and possession with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin, 500 grams or more of cocaine, 40 grams or more of fentanyl and 5 grams or more of methamphetamine;

- Ricardo Torres, a/k/a "Louis Torres," a/k/a "Angel Manzano," a/k/a "Richie," 46, of Chicopee, was charged with conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine;

- Alexander Santiago Medina, a/k/a "Flaco," 32, of Fall River, was charged with conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine; and

- Vicente Gonzalez, a/k/a/ "Viejo," 46, was charged with

conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine and possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine.

The charge of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and possession with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine provides for a sentence of at least 10 years and up to life in prison, five years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$10 million.

The charge of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, 100 grams or more of heroin, and 40 grams or more of fentanyl, as well as the charge of possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, 100 grams or more of heroin, 40 grams or more of fentanyl, and five grams or more of methamphetamine, each provide for a sentence of at least five years and up to 40 years in prison, four years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$5 million.

The charge of conspiracy to launder monetary instruments provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$500,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Brian D. Boyle, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, New England Field Division; Joseph Cronin, Inspector in Charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Boston Division; and New Bedford Police Chief Joseph C. Cordeiro made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Estes of Lelling's Narcotics and Money Laundering Unit is prosecuting the case.

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# Massachusetts State Troopers Arrest Man for Trafficking Narcotics, Identity Theft

At approximately 8:30 last night Trooper Benjamin Joyal, assigned to SP-Boston, was conducting speed enforcement on Soldiers Field Road in Boston. Around that time he observed a gray Kia Sorento traveling nearly 60 miles per hour, the posted speed limit is 40 mph. Trooper Joyal activated his emergency lights and stopped the vehicle on Harvard Street.

Upon exiting his cruiser Trooper Joyal approached the Kia and identified the operator as CHEURY GOMEZ, 29, of Cambridge. He also detected the odor of freshly burn Marijuana along with multiple signs of impairment in GOMEZ. After several minutes of conversation Trooper Joyal removed GOMEZ from the vehicle in order to conduct field sobriety tests. After GOMEZ was removed Trooper Joyal pat-frisked GOMEZ and located an illegal "switchblade" knife. After the discovery of the knife, GOMEZ began reaching for his leg. Fearing he may have an additional weapon, Tpr Joyal placed GOMEZ in handcuffs and awaited an additional cruiser. Troopers John Dwyer and Edward Hunter arrived to assist a short time later.

After conducting a search of GOMEZ's pockets troopers discovered 12 baggies of Cocaine, 10 baggies of Crack Cocaine, and multiple baggies containing controlled prescription medication along with over \$3100 in cash. Troopers then conducted a search of the vehicle and located a credit card skimming device used to manufacture false documents in the commission of identity fraud and theft. Also located were numerous credit cards and ID's, not belonging to GOMEZ, forged

to bear his photo.

GOMEZ was placed under arrest and transported to SP Boston for booking. A bail clerk ordered him to be held for court. He was arraigned today at Brighton District Court on the following charges:

1. Trafficking in Cocaine;
2. Possession of a Class B Substance with Intent to Distribute;
3. Possession of a Class B Substance with Intent to Distribute
4. Possession of a Class E Substance with Intent to Distribute;
5. Possession of a Class D Substance with Intent to Distribute;
6. Carrying a Dangerous Weapon;
7. Carrying a Dangerous Weapon;
8. Forge or Utter Forged Credit Card;
9. Forge/Misuse RMV Document;
10. Forgery of RMV Document;
11. Identity Fraud;
12. Operating Under the Influence of Intoxicating Drug;
13. Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Revoked License; and
14. Speeding.

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## **Marion property raided and condemned over animal cruelty, one arrested**

Police Chief John Garcia and Town Administrator James McGrail report that a Marion woman has been arrested and her house was condemned following an investigation into animal cruelty

Wednesday.

Lauren Fisher, 65 of Marion was charged with:

- Animal Cruelty (Two Counts)
- Interfering with a Police Officer
- Resisting Arrest

The investigation remains active and ongoing and Fisher will likely face additional charges. She is expected to be arraigned Thursday in Wareham District Court.

On Monday, Dec. 9, Marion Police received a report that multiple animals were being neglected and deceased animals had been recently removed from a property at 464 Front Street.

Marion Police opened an investigation, and today, detectives obtained a search warrant to search Fisher's property and home. Her house sits off the road behind another home on approximately eight acres of land.

At 11:16 a.m. today, Marion Police went to the property to serve the warrant, along with Marion Animal Control Officer Susan Connor and representatives from the Animal Rescue League.

Upon arrival to the home, it was immediately evident that the conditions were squalid. There was feces visible on the floor of the home and on a mattress and a strong, pervasive odor was noted in the home. A Marion Board of Health Agent was called to respond to the scene and ordered that the house be condemned due to the conditions inside.

Elsewhere on the property, there were multiple unregistered vehicles located, along with multiple dilapidated sheds and outbuildings. The town's Building Commissioner was called to the scene.

Dozens of animals were located inside of the home and on the property, including multiple miniature horses, potbelly pigs,

ducks, rabbits, turkeys, hens, chickens, dogs, cats, and exotic birds.

The animals were taken into the custody of the Animal Rescue League. The exact number of animals and types of animals on the property is still being determined, but it is estimated to be in the dozens.

Fisher was at home at the time of the search and was placed under arrest when she allegedly became disruptive and interfered with the investigating officers.

The investigation determined that there were at least five people living in the home, including children. The Department of Children and Families was notified and arrangements were being made for the children to be placed with a relative.

Fisher is known to police.

This case remains under investigation by the Marion Police Department.

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## **Massachusetts State Police arrest man on numerous firearm, motor vehicle and drug charges**

On Wednesday December 4 at approximately 1 p.m. Trooper Feras Irgsusi, assigned to the Troop H Community Action Team, was on patrol on Blue Hill Parkway in Milton. At that time he observed the operator of a BMW sedan continuously using a handheld electronic device and drifting into the bicycle lane

on several occasions.

Trooper Irsusi activated his blue lights and stopped the BMW shortly after. As Trooper Irsusi exited the cruiser Officer Joseph Marinilli of the Milton Police Department stopped on scene to assist. The trooper and officer then approached the BMW and identified the operator as LAMONT BROOKINS, 20, of Dorchester.

After informing BROOKINS why he was stopped Trooper Irsusi gathered his license and registration then returned to the cruiser to conduct an RMV inquiry. The results of the inquiry revealed BROOKINS' license was suspended. Trooper Irsusi approached BROOKINS again and informed him he needed to exit the vehicle as it was going to be towed from the scene due to his license status.

BROOKINS began arguing with the trooper and refused to exit the vehicle. Trooper Irsusi believed BROOKINS was attempting to flee the scene then took control of his hands through the window while Officer Marinilli entered the vehicle from the passenger side. BROOKINS was removed from the vehicle and began to struggle and reach for an interior pocket in his pants.

They were able to secure BROOKINS in handcuffs and located a loaded Ruger .380 pistol with an extended magazine in the area of the pocket BROOKINS was reaching for. BROOKINS does not possess a license to carry firearms. He was advised he was under arrest and secured in the rear of a cruiser.

A subsequent inventory of the vehicle located an additional magazine and ammunition along with nearly two ounces of Marijuana. The vehicle was towed and BROOKINS was transported to State Police-Milton for booking. A clerk set bail at \$3,500. He was arraigned at Quincy DC the next morning on the following charges:

1. Illegal Possession of a Firearm;

2. Carrying a Loaded Firearm;
  3. Possession of a Large Capacity Feeding Device;
  4. Improper Storage of a Firearm;
  5. Possession of Ammunition without FID Card;
  6. Possession of a Class D Substance with Intent to Distribute;
  7. Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License;
  8. Improper Use of a Mobile Phone while Operating a MV; and
  9. Marked Lanes Violation.
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## **Massachusetts State Police get firearm, drugs off street; suspected drug dealer arrested**

Massachusetts State Police Gang Unit Troopers, with assistance from MSP Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section Troopers, members of the Western Massachusetts Gang Task Force, and a Springfield Police K9 team this morning arrested a Springfield man while seizing an illegally-posessed handgun and ammunition and various narcotics.

Troopers and Officers executed a search warrant at 64 Lionel Benoit Rd., Apt. B, in Springfield based on an MSP Gang Unit investigation into narcotics distribution from that address. The target of the investigation, TODD CRUZADO, 32, is an acquaintance of the apartment's occupant.

In the bedroom, Troopers and Officers located and seized a Kel Tec 9mm handgun with a magazine containing several 9mm rounds, multiple baggies containing suspected marijuana, multiple

suboxone strips, approximately 120 tablets believed to be Concerta and Adderall, and materials used to package drugs for sale.

In the kitchen Troopers and Officers located and seized hundreds of empty glassine baggies, each stamped with the numbers 413, consistent with materials used to package heroin. Also found in the kitchen was an electric grinder with suspected drug residue and \$745 cash.

During a sniff of an Acura sport utility vehicle that CRUZADO had been observed driving, Springfield Police K9 Dex alerted to the scent of narcotics. During a subsequent search of the Acura, Troopers and Officers located approximately 80 glassine baggies stamped "Dunkin Donuts," consistent in appearance and packaging to heroin, additional suspected marijuana, and a digital scale.

The investigation and an interview with CRUZADO established that the firearm and ammunition, narcotics, and paraphernalia belonged to him. CRUZADO was charged with the following offenses:

1. Possession of a firearm without a license to carry, subsequent offense;
2. Unlawful possession of ammunition;
3. Firearm violation by a person with two prior violent or drug crimes;
4. Possession of a Class A narcotic (heroin) with intent to distribute, subsequent offense;
5. Possession of a Class C narcotic with intent to distribute (Adderall/Concerta), subsequent offense;
6. Possession of a Class D narcotic (marijuana) with intent to distribute, subsequent offense;
7. Possession of a Class B narcotic (suboxone), subsequent offense;
8. Possession of a firearm in commission of a felony;
9. Improper storage of a firearm; and an

10. Outstanding warrant issued p of Springfield District Court.

Troopers transported CRUZADO to State Police-Springfield for booking. He was then transported to Springfield District Court for arraignment.

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## **DEA's New England Field Division announces record number of arrests, narcotics and cash seizures in 2-week surge**

NEFD Announce 645 Arrests and Seizure of 17.9 Kilograms of Fentanyl, 7,800 Illicit Fentanyl Pills, 13.9 Kilograms of Cocaine, 3.1 Kilograms of Heroin, 51 Firearms and \$1.2 Million in Cash During Two-Week New England Surge.

Drug overdoses are the leading cause of injury-related deaths in the United States and every day we see the impact that drug abuse has on our neighborhoods. This crisis is destroying communities throughout New England and our Nation.

In an effort to address this epidemic, the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) New England Field Division's (NEFD) during a two-week surge operation made 645 arrests and seized 17.9 kilograms of fentanyl, 7,800 illicit fentanyl pills, 13.9 kilograms of cocaine, 3.1 kilograms of heroin, 2.5 kilograms of methamphetamine, 38.1 kilograms of marijuana, 51 firearms and \$1.2 million in cash, announced Special Agent in Charge

Brian D. Boyle.

“DEA’s top priority is to aggressively pursue anyone who distributes these deadly drugs,” said SAC Boyle. “Those arrested need to be held accountable for their actions because they have chosen to distribute this poison and profit from the misery they spread.”

The NEFD would like to thank our many great local, state and federal law enforcement partners who assisted during this two-week operation and for their strong commitment to drug law enforcement in New England. These enforcement actions show what happens when law enforcement works together.

“Illegal drug distribution ravages the very foundations of our families and communities,” said SAC Boyle. “Every time we take fentanyl off the streets we save lives. These enforcement actions demonstrate the strength of collaborative local, state and federal law enforcement efforts in New England.”

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## **Fairhaven man indicted for murder in August 6th New Bedford homicide of homeless man**

A Bristol County Grand Jury has indicted a 39-year-old Fairhaven man in connection with the August 6th New Bedford homicide of 41-year-old Robert Jones III, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Matthew Lariviere has been indicted by the grand jury on

charges of murder, armed carjacking, two counts of armed robbery and one count of negligent operation of a motor vehicle. He will be arraigned on the indictments in Fall River Superior Court on December 20th.

The victim had been living in a homeless encampment in the woods of off Nauset Street.

Investigators were led to his body, which was located in a heavily wooded adjacent to 47 Nauset Street by two other homeless men who reported the death to police. The deceased was the victim of a stabbing.

With the assistance of the New Bedford Fire Department, the deceased's body was removed from the heavily vegetated area between 8 and 9 pm on August 8th.

The defendant has been held in custody since his arrest shortly after the homicide on charges connected to the armed carjacking and armed robbery incidents, which also occurred on August 6th in New Bedford. In that case, the defendant stands accused of holding a knife to an 18-year-old New Bedford woman and demanding money from her at about 8 p.m. in the area of First Citizens Federal Credit Union at 570 N. Front St. The defendant then stole the woman's car and robbed a clerk at knife-point at the Shop 'n Save at 807 Ashley Blvd.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Sylvia.

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## **Massachusetts Man Arraigned**

# **in Connection to Saturday Night Fatal Crash in Raynham**

An 18-year-old Norton man was arraigned today in Taunton District Court on charges related to a fatal motor vehicle crash, which occurred Saturday night in Raynham.

Devin Luc Larocque Thompson was arraigned on charges of motor vehicle homicide by negligent operation, marked lanes violation and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. The defendant was released on personal recognizance, was ordered to not drive during the pendency of the case and is due back in court for a pretrial hearing on January 28.

At around 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Raynham Police responded to the crash at 491 Broadway after receiving multiple 911 calls. The preliminary investigation has revealed that Dawn Rodrigues, 42, of Brockton, was driving southbound in her Ford Focus when the defendant's Chevy Silverado swerved into her lane of travel and struck her vehicle head-on. The Silverado pushed the Focus off the east side of the roadway into the yard of 496 Broadway. The Silverado then flipped, end over end onto its roof and came to rest on top of the hood of a Honda Civic. The operator of the Civic was uninjured.

Firefighters had to use hydraulic rescue tools to free Dawn Rodrigues from the wreckage. She and her passenger, a 47-year-old Brockton man, were rushed to Good Samaritan Hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased. The seriously injured Brockton man was listed in stable condition.

The case is being prosecuted at this time by Assistant District Attorney Christine Letsche.

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# **Wareham Police charge Falmouth man with intent to distribute narcotics**

On Sunday, December 8, at 1:42 a.m., Juvenile Detective Karl Baptiste observed a male sitting in a parked car at the corner of Onset Avenue and Grove Street.

While investigating, the Juvenile Detective saw multiple baggies containing suspected cocaine, as well as a baggie of suspected heroin on the front passenger seat.

The male was placed under arrest, and the narcotics were confiscated. Elie Finklea (36), of Falmouth, is charged with possession with intent to distribute a Class "B" drug, and possession with intent to distribute a Class "A" drug.

He was held on \$1,000 cash bail and expected to appear in Wareham District Court on Monday morning. Officer Justin Silveira assisted in the arrest.