

New Bedford home invader sentenced to 7-10 years state prison

A 28-year-old New Bedford man convicted after a four-day trial last week in Fall River Superior Court of forcing his way into a home, holding a gun to the victim's head and firing two shots at the victim as he fled to safety was sentenced to serve up to a decade in state prison today, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Orlando Perez-Calderon was convicted by a jury of his peers on indictments charging him with armed assault in a dwelling, armed assault with intent to rob, attempted assault and battery by discharge of a firearm and carrying an illegal firearm.

On January 11, 2017, at noon, the defendant knocked on the front door of a Clara Street home. When the male victim opened the door, the defendant pointed a firearm at him and forced his way inside. The defendant demanded money and forced the victim into his bedroom where he began to rifle through the victim's property and the victim's wife's jewelry. At one point the defendant told the victim to get on his knees and put a pillowcase on his head. The victim was able to distract the defendant for a moment, push him, and run out of his home wearing only a t-shirt, shorts and socks. The defendant chased the victim outside and shot the revolver at the victim twice.

After an extensive investigation into the incident by New Bedford Police, the defendant was identified as the prime suspect and an arrest warrant was issued in February 2017. However, the defendant eluded capture until October 2018 when he was finally taken into custody in Springfield.

Superior Court Judge Debra Squires-Lee today sentenced the

defendant to serve seven to ten years in state prison, to be followed by two years of supervised probation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Sylvia, who argued for a 15 to 20-year state prison term.

“This is an outrageous act of violence in broad daylight committed by a defendant who has a serious record, including two prior firearm-related convictions. By the grace of God, the victim was not killed or seriously injured. Based on the gravity of the crime and the defendant’s record he should have received a lengthier prison sentence. This defendant is an extreme danger to the community,” District Attorney Quinn said.

Massachusetts State Troopers arrest man for OUI Drugs, Trafficking and Distribution of Narcotics

Shortly after 10 p.m. yesterday Trooper Nikos Retzos, assigned to State Police-Boston, was on patrol in Boston when he observed a white sedan stopped on the Gilmore Bridge in front of Bunker Hill Community College.

Trooper Retzos approached the vehicle to ask the operator, later identified as KEVIN PERIEL, 23, of Cambridge, if he needed assistance. When PERIEL turned to look at the Trooper Retzos he observed PERIEL smoking what he believed to be a marijuana joint. Trooper Retzos also detected a very strong odor of freshly burnt marijuana. While speaking to PERIEL, Trooper Retzos observed him showing signs of being impaired

and asked him to step out of the vehicle.

While PERIEL stepped out of the vehicle Trooper Retzos continued to make observations finally forming the opinion that PERIEL was operating his vehicle under the influence of marijuana. PERIEL was placed under arrest and escorted to the rear of Trooper Retzos' cruiser.

Upon securing PERIEL, Trooper Retzos returned to the vehicle to conduct an inventory prior to it being towed from the scene. During the inventory Trooper Retzos located two clear plastic bags, one of which contained multiple individually wrapped smaller baggies of a substance believed to be heroin. The other bag contained a large amount of a substance believed to be crack cocaine. Both bags had a combined weight of 93 grams. While on scene it was also discovered that PERIEL's driver's license was suspended.

PERIEL was transported to the Boston Barracks where he was booked. PERIEL was ordered to be held without bail pending his arraignment today at Charlsetown District Court on the following charges:

- Trafficking in Heroin;
- Possession of a Class A Drug with Intent to Distribute;
- Possession of a Class B Drug with Intent to Distribute;
- Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License; and
- Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Drug.

New Bedford man crashes into

utility pole after leading police on high-speed chase

Jeffrey Raposo, 40, of New Bedford was spotted by Pawtucket Police in stole a vehicle in the Stop & Shop parking lot on Cottage Street. He then led police on a high-speed chase throughout the city.

In his attempt to get away from police, Raposo drove dangerously and recklessly endangering the public, police and himself so in the interest of public safety, police called off the pursuit.

Minutes later Raposo crashed the stolen car into a utility pole, and began to leave the area on foot. Police arrived and found the car without him in it, but was picked after a short search and taken into custody.

Jeffrey Raposo was charged with:

- Eluding officers in a motor vehicle in a high-speed pursuit.
- Possession of a stolen vehicle.
- Carrying a prohibited weapon other than a firearm.
- Failing to appear to a summons

New Bedford man arrested for trafficking cocaine while possessing 896 pills and

strips

On Tuesday, October 29, New Bedford Police Narcotic Detectives concluded an investigation into a cocaine delivery service operated out of 396 Elm Street in New Bedford.

Detectives executed a search warrant and arrested 58-year old Domingo Perez of 396 Elm Street in New Bedford. Officers seized 59.5 grams of cocaine, 319 Suboxone film strips, 10 Suboxone tabs, 3 Oxycodone tabs, 148 Adderall tabs, 118 Lorazepam tabs, 150 Clonazepam tabs, 60 Alprazolam tabs, 30 Xanax tabs, and 58 Methyphenidate tabs.

Domingo Perez was charged with trafficking cocaine in excess of 32 grams, along with multiple charges of possessing classes B, C, and E drugs with the intent to distribute.

Mr. Perez is due to be arraigned in District Court on Wednesday, October 30, 2019. The lead investigator was Detective Sasha Vicente.

Taunton Domestic Violence Stabbing/Strangulation Case Results in State Prison Sentence

A 52-year-old Taunton man who strangled and stabbed his live-in girlfriend this past March was sentenced to serve four to six years in state prison last week in Fall River Superior Court, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III

announced.

Michael Correia pleaded guilty to indictments charging him with armed assault to murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and strangulation/suffocation.

On March 2, 2019 at approximately 5 am, a Taunton Police officer was traveling in the area of Colonial Donuts on Broadway when he observed a Chevrolet Impala parked in the middle of the street with both of its back doors open. The officer observed two males outside the vehicle and one of the males was yelling for help. The male yelling for help was pointing at this defendant and yelling, "He stabbed her. He stabbed her. He tried killing her."

The officer looked inside the vehicle and saw the female victim in the rear passenger seat with blood all over her shirt and face. She yelled "He stabbed me" and pointed at the defendant. The defendant, who was shirtless and covered in blood, circled back toward the vehicle and moved toward the officer. The defendant ignored repeated commands to stop and continued to approach the officer, stating, "I don't care." The officer was forced to deploy his Taser and the defendant fell to the ground. While on the ground, the defendant yelled and gestured at the victim.

The male who was yelling for help stated that he was driving southbound on Broadway when he noticed the victim on the left side of the street running from the defendant, who had a kitchen knife in his hand. The victim tried to get into his vehicle but was chased around the car by the defendant. At one point, the defendant threw the knife at the victim, but it missed her. He then circled around the car and picked up the knife.

By this time, the victim was able to get in the rear passenger seat and attempted to lock the doors but couldn't do so before the defendant was able to make his way into the rear driver's

seat. The witness told police he then saw the defendant stab the victim in the backseat. The witness heard the defendant state, "I'm going to kill you" and heard the victim respond, "I love you, why are you doing this."

The witness, at this point, struck the defendant twice on the shoulder, knocking the knife out of his hand. The witness then retrieved the knife, but while doing so noticed that the defendant was now strangling the victim. After securing the knife, the witness once again got into the backseat and pulled the defendant off the victim. The defendant then began searching for the knife, at which point the police officer arrived on scene.

After receiving treatment for her injuries, the victim told police that he boyfriend had become enraged because she was receiving Facebook Messenger notifications on her phone. She stated that he began strangling her inside their apartment to the point where she lost consciousness. When she woke up, the defendant was standing over her with a knife and he started to stab her in the back. The defendant then stabbed himself in the neck. The victim then ran out of the apartment for help.

During a sentencing hearing before Judge Raffio Yessayan, Assistant District Attorney Carolyn Morrissette argued that the defendant should serve six to eight-and-a-half years in state prison, to be followed by three years of supervised probation and court-ordered batterers counseling. The defense, however, requested a more lenient two to four year state prison term to be followed by three years of supervised probation. Judge Yessayan sentenced the defendant to serve four to six years in prison, to be followed by five years of supervised probation. The judge also ordered the defendant to undergo batterers counseling.

"This is an outrageous act of domestic violence that resulted in the victim being attacked in an apartment and the back of a vehicle, in the presence of the driver. I commend the driver

for coming to the victim's aid and preventing more serious injuries or death. This defendant clearly presents a danger and needs to be kept off the street," District Attorney Quinn said.

Massachusetts State Police seek public's help in identifying suspects of credit card theft

The Massachusetts State Police is seeking the public's help in identifying the man and woman shown in these photos. They are suspects in relation to an investigation of a stolen credit card in the South Boston area on October 20, 2019. These pictures show them using the stolen credit card at a restaurant in South Boston. The card was also used at various other stores totaling nearly \$2,000 in fraudulent charges.

Anyone with any information of the identity of these two, anonymous or not, may contact State Police Detectives at 617-740-7710.

Elderly man detained after

allegedly attempting to forcibly enter candidate for mayor Tyson Moultrie's residence

New Bedford police report that a confused, elderly man was detained after allegedly forcibly trying to enter candidate for New Bedford Mayor Richard Tyson Moultrie's residence multiple times just before 5 am on Friday morning.

Mr. Moultrie lives with his girlfriend and child at 138 Rotch Street in New Bedford. His brother, sister-in-law and a total of three small children were at home during the incident.

"Our dog and camera door alarm system alerted us that someone was entering the home. At first, my girlfriend thought it was my brother", said Mr. Moultrie.

Mr. Moultrie stated his girlfriend called the police while he went to the door to check out the disturbance. According to the police report and Mr. Moultrie himself, the man attempted access to the house three times claiming to live at the home. Mr. Moultrie states that he struggled to keep the man out of the house by holding the door shut, but after the man's third attempt he banged a piece of wood against a wall to stop the man from going further. Mr. Moultrie states he did not strike the man but used the swing as a warning.

According to Mr. Moultrie, the police responded very quickly and interviewed the man. Mr. Moultrie submitted photos to us showing damage to the front door although the police report states Mr. Moultrie claimed no damage to the property. Mr. Moultrie states that the report is inaccurate and he is submitting a supplemental report with the photos to the police today.

According to New Bedford Police, the man was bleeding from the head, seemed confused and was sent to St. Luke's Hospital for evaluation. Police report that the man lives a block away from Moultrie's residence and a family member of the elderly man stated to investigators that he has had recent memory and confusion issues.

Currently, the police logs report 'assist citizen' and no charges are being filed.

21-year old New Bedford man arrested for possession of a stolen firearm

On Saturday, October 26, members of the New Bedford Police Gang Unit arrested a man after a brief foot chase. Officers arrested 21-year old Alexander Fortes with no certain address of New Bedford after he was found to be in possession of a stolen firearm.

Mr. Fortes was charged with carrying a loaded firearm without a license and receiving stolen property less than \$1,200. Mr. Fortes is due to be arraigned in District Court on Monday, October 28. The arresting officer was Detective Lorenzo Gonzalez.

New Bedford police arrest twelve on drug charges on Wednesday

New Bedford police officers arrested twelve people on various drug charges in three separate incidents on Wednesday. In total, the New Bedford police department made 16 arrests on Wednesday, October 23.

At 12:08 am, New Bedford police officers executed a search warrant at 131 Hathaway Street, Apartment 2W and arrested six people. Police seized \$1,932 in cash and more than 2 grams of suspected crack-cocaine. Arrested were:

- 40-year old Thomas Andrade of 33 S Sixth Street New Bedford is being charged with possession of cocaine, conspiracy to violate drug laws and for an outstanding warrant.
- 30-year old Marie Jennette of 131 Hathaway Street, Apartment 2W is being charged with possession class B drug, possession class B drug second offense, and conspiracy to violate drug laws.
- 36-year old Lacy Langevin of New Bedford is being charged with possession to distribute crack cocaine, possession to distribute crack cocaine second offense, conspiracy to violate drug laws and two outstanding warrants.
- 23-year old Alyssa Jackson of 131 Hathaway Street, Apartment 2W in New Bedford is being charged with possession to distribute Class B drug and conspiracy to violate drug laws.
- 36-year old Scott Piva of 523 North Front Street, Apartment #4 in New Bedford is being charged with possession Class B drug and conspiracy to violate drug laws.
- 30-year old Maria Alves of New Bedford is being charged with Class B drug possession.

At 1 pm, New Bedford police narcotics officers were conducting

street-level drug sales investigations when they observed activity consistent with drug sales/possession. A traffic stop was made at 60 Nye Street and a search yielded a small amount of suspected heroin and cocaine (less than a gram each). Arrested were:

- 37-year old Yariluz Segarra-Mendez of 134 Tallman Street, apartment 3W in New Bedford is being charged with Class B drug distribution, conspiracy to violate drug laws and intimidation of a witness or official.
- 62-year old Walter Bennett Jr. of New Bedford is being charged with Class B drug possession and conspiracy to violate drug laws.
- 45-year old Karen Joseph of Fairhaven is being charged with Class B drug possession and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

At 5:30 pm, New Bedford police officers were conducting street-level drug sales investigations when they observed three individuals engaging in activity consistent with drug sales. A traffic stop was made at 436 Mill Street and a search yielded a gram of suspected cocaine and 2 oxycodone tabs. Arrested were:

- 27-year old Akeem White of 791 Brock Ave. Apartment 2 is being charged with Class B drug distribution, Class B drug possession and conspiracy to violate drug laws.
- 20-year old Paulo Fonts of 409 Lindsey Street apartment #2 in Fall River is being charged with Class B drug distribution and conspiracy to violate drug laws.
- 36-year old Cassandra Bellefleur of Brunswick, Main is being charged with Class B drug possession and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

All individuals are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

New Bedford police seize stolen firearm and arrest two men for trafficking fentanyl

Members of the New Bedford Police Department's Narcotics and Gang Unit arrested two men in separate cases for trafficking fentanyl and unlawful possession of a firearm.

On Friday, October 25, 2019, members of the Narcotic and Gang Unit were targeting street-level drug activity, when their observations led them to a pursuit and subsequent arrest of 24-year old Justin L. Godoy of New Bedford.

Godoy was observed by Detectives conducting activities consistent with street-level drug sales, which led to a search that yielded 28 grams of fentanyl, \$421 in cash and a loaded firearm that was unlawfully possessed and reported stolen. Godoy was arrested and charged with multiple firearm and drug charges. The lead investigator was Detective Lorenzo Gonzalez.

Also, on Friday, October 25, 2019, Detectives from the Narcotic Division concluded an investigation into a fentanyl delivery service operated out of 59 Willow Street, apt 3E, in New Bedford. 29-year old Victor Garcia, Jr. of 59 Willow Street, apt 3E was arrested as a result of the investigation and charged with trafficking fentanyl. 293 grams of fentanyl and \$2,600 in cash were located as a result of the search warrant. The lead investigator was Detective Lavar Gilbert.

Both Garcia and Godoy are due to be arraigned in District Court on Monday, October 28.