

New Bedford Shooter Sentenced to a Decade in Prison

A 43-year-old New Bedford man who shot a woman inside a moving vehicle in August 2018 was sentenced to serve a decade in prison last week, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Attim Almeida pleaded guilty in Fall River Superior Court to indictments charging him with assault and battery by discharge of a firearm, attempted assault and battery by discharge of a firearm, unlawful possession of a firearm with three prior violent offenses, unlawful possession of a loaded firearm and malicious damage to a motor vehicle.

On August 6, 2018 at 6:15am in the area of Purchase and Grinnel Street in New Bedford, the defendant fired three rounds into a vehicle. The passenger in the vehicle suffered a gunshot wound to her leg, and the driver sustained injuries to his hands from broken glass. Both were transported to St. Luke's Hospital and did eventually speak to police, but refused to identify the defendant as the shooter.

Further investigation and the viewing of surveillance video from the area of the shooting led investigators to this defendant.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Sylvia and the 10-year state prison sentence was imposed by Judge William Sullivan. Upon the completion of his prison sentence, the defendant will be placed on supervised probation for an additional two years.

"Despite the lack of witness cooperation, I am very pleased that this violent and repeat offender was convicted and held accountable for yet another potentially fatal incident. The defendant is well known to the authorities and has a long

history of committing violent crimes. He has an utter disregard for the law," District Attorney Quinn said. "The defendant will serve a mandatory 10 year sentence and will remain under court supervision. It is both sad and disturbing that this defendant continues to engage in this lawless behavior, even in his mid-40s."

Brockton man arrested in shooting death of 32-year old New Bedford man

State police detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and Brockton Police have arrested a man in connection with a fatal shooting on Friday.

At approximately 11:26pm on Friday, Brockton Police were alerted by Shotspotter and received several 911 calls reporting a shooting at 47 Highland Street. Police and emergency medical personnel responded and located a male victim in a parking lot suffering from gunshot wounds.

The victim was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital in Brockton where he was pronounced dead. The 32-year old man has been identified as Earl Thomas of New Bedford.

Yesterday at approximately 1:10pm State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office south and received an arrest warrant for Murder for Quieto Miranda (DOB 05/29/1990) of Brockton.

At approximately, 1:15pm Miranda was located and placed under arrest in Worcester. Miranda was booked at the Worcester

Police Department and transported to the Brockton Police Department to be held. He is scheduled to be arraigned on the murder charge in Brockton District Court tomorrow.

Two Massachusetts men arrested for Trafficking Heroin

Yesterday, Trooper Brandyn Henson, of the State Police-Bourne Barracks, arrested JAQUA SMITH, 24, of Onset, and SHAWN PANEPINTO, 22, of New Bedford, and charged them with Trafficking Heroin.

Just about 9:30 a.m., Trooper Henson was on patrol on 11th Street in Wareham when he observed a Honda CR-V with an expired inspection sticker stopped at a stop sign. The CR-V continued to travel on 11th Street eventually pulling into a parking lot and parked.

Trooper Henson made contact with the occupants and identified the operator as SMITH and his passenger as PANEPINTO. As result of an investigation and search the vehicle approximately 400 grams of Heroin was located inside a container which was inside a backpack.

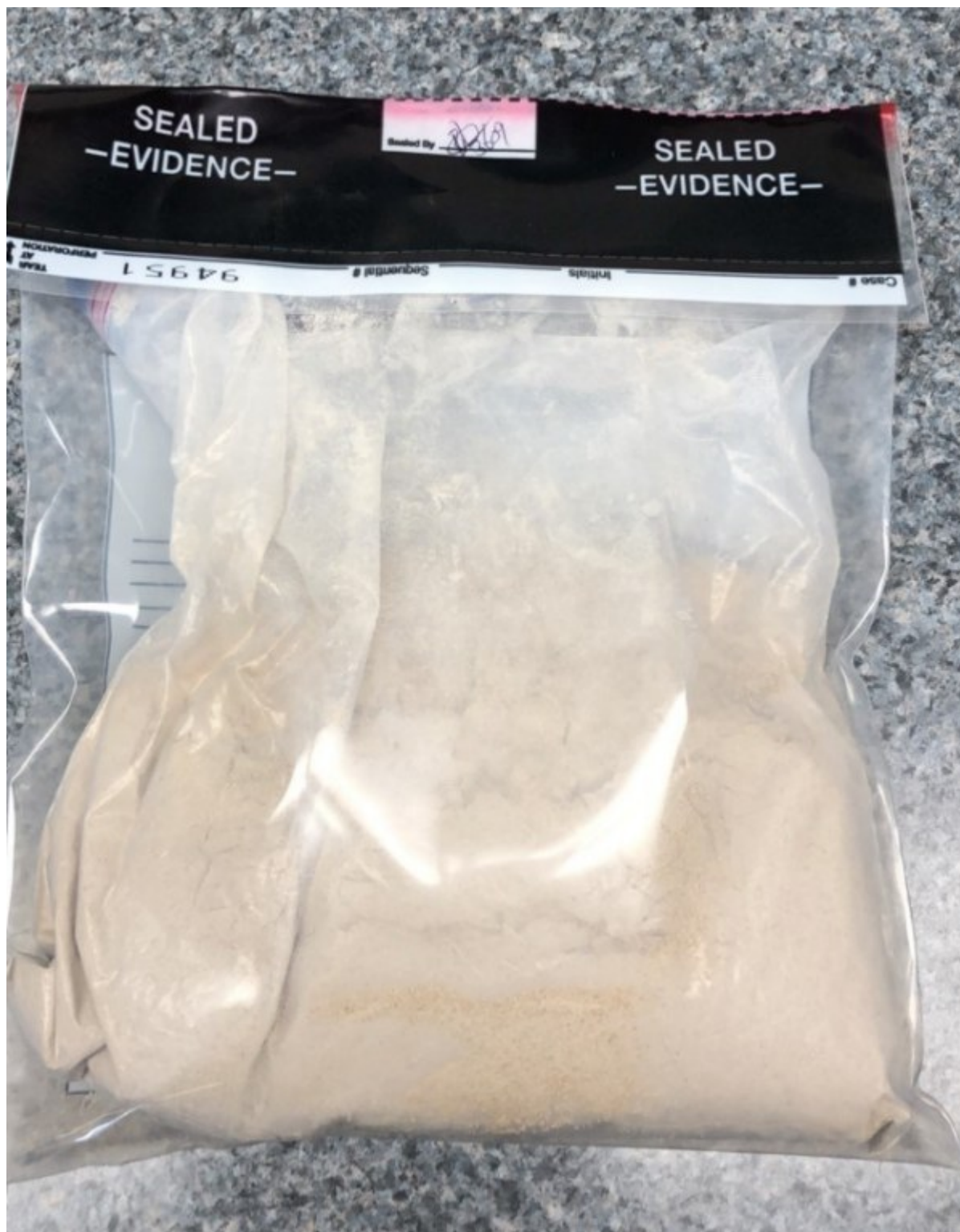
Both subjects were placed under arrest and transported to the Bourne Barracks for booking where bail was set at \$250,000. They are being held at the Plymouth House of Correction pending their arraignment on Tuesday in Wareham District Court.

SMITH was charged with the following offenses:

- Trafficking in Heroin/Morphine/Opium; and
- No Inspection Sticker

PANEPINTO was charged with the following offense:

- Trafficking in Heroin/Morphine/Opium



33-year-old Dorchester man arrested for Vietnam Veterans Memorial vandalism

UMass Boston Police and the Massachusetts State Police have identified and interviewed the man who vandalized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Dorchester on Thursday.

The man, a 33-year-old Dorchester resident, was taken into custody without incident this morning by State Troopers and UMass Officers. He was then interviewed by police.

Following the interview, the man was sent to a Boston hospital for mental health evaluation and treatment. As such, his name is not being released at this time.

If he is released from the hospital over the weekend he will be returned to police custody and charged with offenses of malicious destruction of property over \$250 and tagging. If he is hospitalized for treatment he will be summonsed to Dorchester District Court on those charges at a later date.

The man additionally is the subject of a prior default warrant out of the Dorchester court for a previous larceny of an American flag and Massachusetts state flag from the UMass campus. The warrant stems from a separate, past incident.

The identification of the suspect was the result of various investigative actions undertaken jointly by both police agencies.

The memorial, located off Morrissey Boulevard, is situated on open space owned and maintained by the university. The

vandalism, which included the removal and destruction of dozens of shrubs and flowers, the removal of numerous American flags which were thrown into a creek, and various writings on stone posts at the memorial, was discovered early Thursday afternoon.

New Bedford police arrest two on fentanyl trafficking charges at 33 Sherman Street

On Wednesday, May 22, members of the New Bedford Police Department's Narcotic Unit concluded an investigation into a fentanyl distribution service being operated from 33 Sherman Street in New Bedford.

A search warrant was executed at 33 Sherman Street and resulted in the discovery of over 24 grams of fentanyl, 191 suboxone film strips, 60 tabs of methadone, 31 tabs of clonazepam, and \$689.00 in U.S. currency.

Arrested as part of this investigation were Nicholas Silva, 32, of 33 Sherman Street and Jillian Temple, 33, also of 33 Sherman Street. Both were charged with conspiracy to violate drug laws, trafficking more than 10 grams of fentanyl, possession with intent to distribute class B and A substance. Both are due to be arraigned at Third District Court in New Bedford.

The lead investigator in this case was Detective Kevin Barbosa.

Massachusetts State Police and UMass Police investigate vandalism at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Dorchester

The Massachusetts State Police and University of Massachusetts Boston Police are investigating significant vandalism committed today at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Morrissey Boulevard in Dorchester. Several dozen recent plantings of shrubs and flowers were torn out of the ground, numerous flags were ripped down and thrown into a wooded area, and hate-related graffiti – including a swastika – were written on the stone monuments. Preliminary investigation indicates that the crimes were committed early this afternoon.

Troopers from Troop H Headquarters and State Police-South Boston, along with the Department's Crime Scene Services Section, and UMass Boston officers and detectives are conducting the investigation. The memorial is situated on open space owned and maintained by the university. Officers and Troopers are searching the grounds for evidence, conducting canvases of the area, and determining whether any security cameras in the area captured additional evidence.

The University of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts State Police condemn this despicable act and are conducting a thorough and coordinated investigation to determine who is responsible and to hold that person or persons accountable. Anyone with information about the vandalism should call UMass

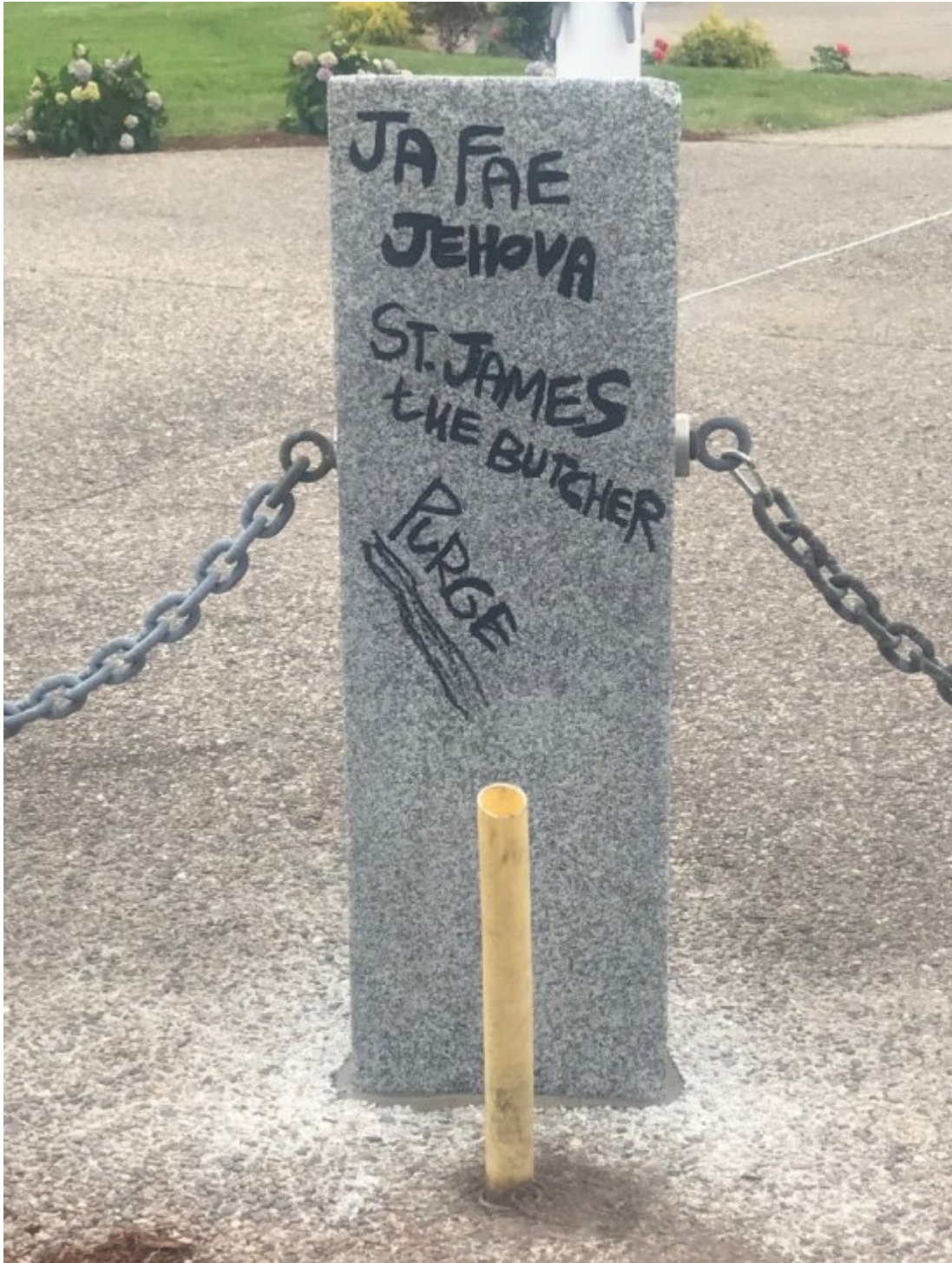
Boston Police at 617-287-6084 or State Police at 617-740-7710.

The below photos show some of the graffiti, damaged flowers, and the bed from which some of the shrubs were removed. Please credit photos to Massachusetts State Police.









11 Viall Street raided for

drugs by New Bedford police twice since March

On Wednesday, May 22, New Bedford police arrested four individuals in the driveway of 11 Viall Street on drug charges to include fentanyl distribution. Fentanyl is responsible for 89% of all the overdose deaths in Massachusetts in 2018.

This is the second police raid at 11 Viall Steet since March. We are waiting to hear back from the New Bedford Police Department to if the apartment numbers are related.

At around 1 pm on May 22, police arrested the following individuals at 11 Viall Street, none of whom live there:

- 42-year old Jose Garcia-Santiago of 174 Central Ave (apartment 3) in New Bedford for Class A drug possession and conspiracy to violate drug laws. Class A drug usually means heroin.
- 44-year old Carlos Perez of 65 Sawyer Street (apartment 1) in New Bedford for distribution of fentanyl, possession of Suboxone and conspiracy to violate drug laws.
- 69-year old Emilio Rivera of 110 County Street (apartment 74) in New Bedford for Class A drug possession, conspiracy to violate drug laws, Class E drug possession and Class A drug distribution – second offense (4/16/1998). Class A drug usually means heroin.
- 31-year old Edwin Carrasquillo of 20 Holly Street (apartment 1) in New Bedford for Class B drug distribution, Class A drug possession, Class B drug possession, warrant arrest, Class A drug distribution – second offense (2/5/2009)

On March 11, 2019, New Bedford police raided 11 Viall Street (apartment 3N) and charged the following individuals:

- Miguel Sevilla-Freire of 11 Viall Street in New Bedford with possession to distribute Class B drug and conspiracy to

violate drug laws.

– Angel Miguel Sevilla of 54 Roosevelt Street in New Bedford with possession to distribute cocaine, conspiracy to violate drug laws and Class B drug distribution – second offense.

When it comes to drug dealing, Viall Street is one of the problem streets in New Bedford and part of the **South End of New Bedford's Drug Dealer Mile**. Giovanni Cruz Ferrer of 15 Viall Street (apartment #3) was arrested at 162 Davis Street in New Bedford on 2 February and is being charged with fentanyl distribution, fentanyl distribution – second offense and had two outstanding warrants at the time.

Nearly one-third (29%) of those arrested for distribution/trafficking of hard drugs lived on six streets in New Bedford:

New Bedford's six worst drug dealer infested streets

Two facing OUI drug charges in New bedford

Two people are being charged with OUI-drugs after they were found under the influence of drugs behind the wheel on Sawyer Street in New Bedford on Monday.

At 1:55pm, New Bedford police officers noticed a person asleep behind the wheel in the area of 553 Sawyer Street with the engine still running. After investigating, officers determined the operator was under the influence of drugs and transported to the hospital – charges are forthcoming.

At 6 pm, New Bedford police officers noticed a person asleep behind the wheel in the area of 310 Sawyer Street with the engine still running. After investigating, officers determined the operator was under the influence of drugs and transported to the hospital – charges are forthcoming.

Suspect in Sagamore Bridge Hit-and-Run Apprehended; Victims were Off-Duty MSP Officer and Spouse

At approximately 8:10 p.m. yesterday Massachusetts State Troopers responded to a head-on hit-and-run crash on the Sagamore Bridge, Route 6 east, in Bourne. The investigation indicated that a 1999 Toyota coupe crossed the center line and struck a 2017 Volkswagen Passat heading in the opposite direction and occupied by an off-duty Massachusetts State Police officer and his wife. The operator of the Toyota then fled the scene by exiting his own vehicle and jumping into the back of a passing landscaping truck.

The female victim, the passenger in the Passat, was transported to Beth Israel Hospital in Plymouth for minor injuries. She was treated and later released.

As a result of a subsequent investigation, we identified the operator of the Toyota as GREGORY B. MAY, 35, of Duxbury. At 10:35 a.m. today, Troopers from State Police-Bourne and the State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section located MAY at a relative's home in Bourne and placed him under arrest. He was brought to the Bourne barracks and booked and will be

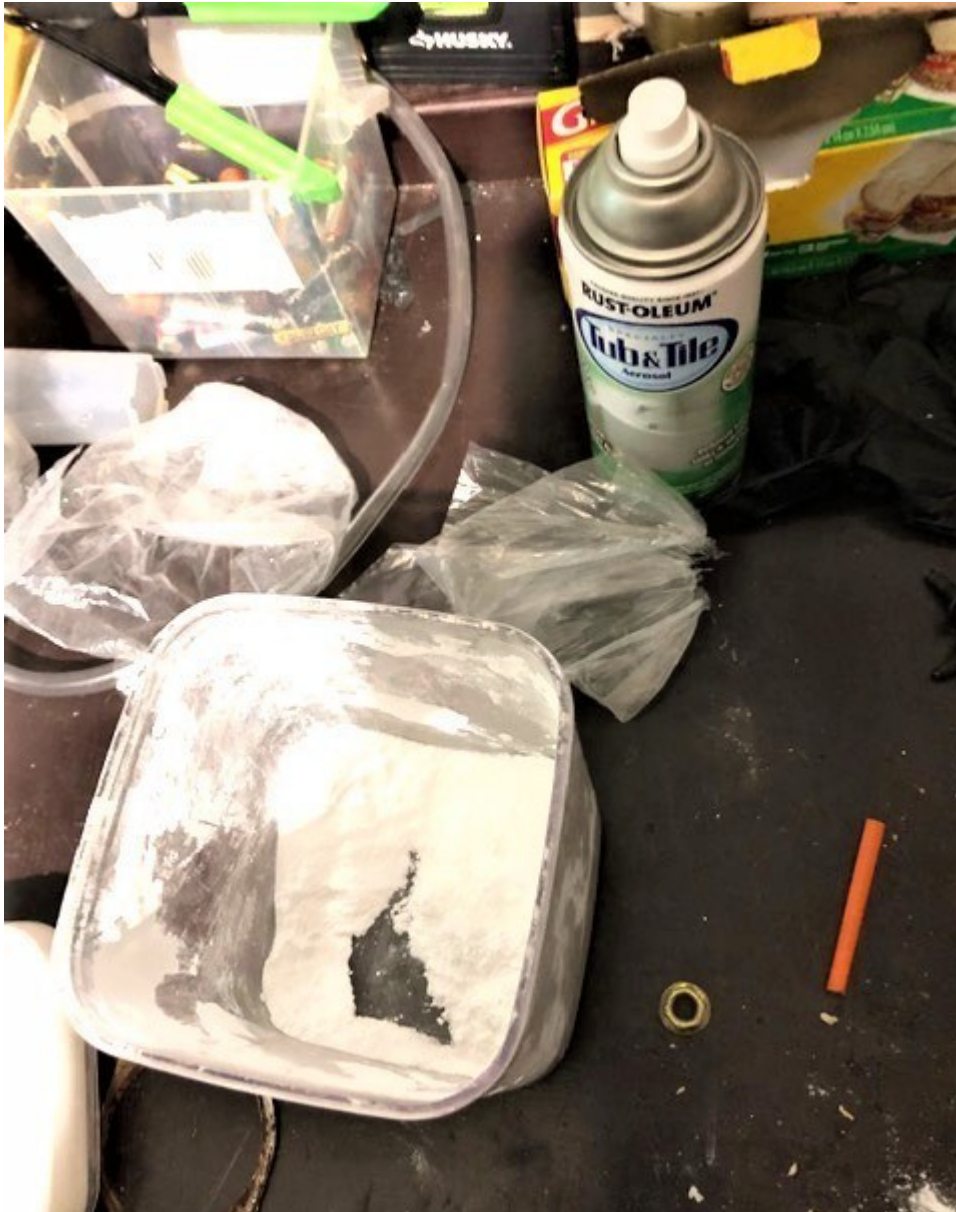
arraigned this afternoon in Falmouth District Court for charges related to causing the crash and leaving the scene.

Massachusetts State Police, New Bedford Police Department arrest man on Trafficking Charges; Fentanyl found next to mattress where children slept

The Massachusetts State Police Gang Unit and New Bedford Police Gang Unit, with the assistance of other units and agencies, yesterday arrested a New Bedford man on narcotics and ammunition charges and found a bag containing a substance believed to be fentanyl within two feet of a mattress where the man's two young children were sleeping.

Because of the proximity of the children to the deadly narcotic, an MSP Gang Unit Trooper requested that the state's child protection agency respond to the McGuirk Street apartment to assess the children's welfare.

The arrest, and simultaneous execution of a search warrant at the residence, followed an investigation into fentanyl distribution by the suspect, OSCAR RAMOS-TORRES, 30. The gang units of the State Police and New Bedford Police were assisted by State Troopers from the Bristol County State Police Detective Unit and a deputy from the Bristol County Sheriff's Department.



After they knocked and announced that they had a search warrant, members of the raid team received no reply and heard scurrying inside the apartment. Thus upon making a forced entry, the team found RAMOS-TORRES standing in a bedroom, with his girlfriend and their two young children lying on a mattress on the floor. A bag containing approximately 8.7 grams of suspected fentanyl was located within two feet of the mattress. A field test of the substance in the bag was positive for fentanyl, the synthetic opioid that is many times more powerful than heroin and can cause harm just by coming in contact with a person's skin.

In a second bedroom, Troopers and Officers located a workbench where RAMOS-TORRES prepared fentanyl for sale. On the

workbench was a plastic container holding approximately 77 grams of a white powder; the results of a field test on the powder were positive for the presence of fentanyl. Next to the container of suspected fentanyl were a digital scale, a box of plastic sandwich bags, and cut-off corners of the bags consistent with the manner in which are packaged for street-level sale. In a safe under the workbench, Troopers and Officers located several thousand dollars in US currency and 26 suboxone strips. In the basement of the residence, which was used by RAMOS-TORRES for storage, a Trooper found a clear plastic bag containing 10 rounds of ammunition.

The suspected fentanyl, suboxone strips, and ammunition were seized as evidence, as was \$6,245 in US currency suspected of being proceeds from the illegal sale of narcotics.

Troopers transported RAMOS-TORRES to State Police-Dartmouth, where he was booked on charges of trafficking in fentanyl over 80 grams; possession of a Class B substance with intent to distribute; and unlawful possession of ammunition. He was later transported from the barracks to New Bedford District Court for arraignment.

In addition to the new charges, RAMOS-TORRES is currently on probation out of New Bedford District Court, the result of a previous arrest for possessing fentanyl with intent to distribute.