

# **Boston Police seek public's help identifying man who allegedly robbed Dorchester postal worker**

**"Facts Surrounding the Case:** At approximately 5:41 pm Officers assigned to District C-11 responded to a radio call for an armed robbery at Talbot and Welles Ave, Dorchester.

Upon arrival the officers located a postal worker who had stated he was robbed at gunpoint of his mail key. The suspect was described as a light skinned hispanic male, late teens-early 20's, thin build, wearing a dark colored hooded sweater, gray sweatpants, and a black ski mask. The suspect fled on Talbot Ave towards Washington St.

The Boston Police Department is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding these incidents. Anyone with information is strongly urged to contact District C-11 Detectives at (617) 343-4335.

Community members wishing to assist this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to help this investigation in an anonymous manner."-Boston Police Department.



*Boston Police Department photo.*

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**New Bedford Police charge man**

# for allegedly robbing 82-year old woman at Market Basket

“NEW BEDFORD – Police officers have arrested a wanted man for purse-snatching.

On December 18th, at around 3 PM, an 82-year-old woman was in the Market Basket parking lot. As she was loading groceries into her vehicle, she was approached by a man who grabbed her pocketbook. The woman struggled but was nonetheless overpowered by the suspect who quickly fled on foot.

Detective Roberto Dacunha was assigned the case. Through his investigation, he discovered that the suspect had used one of the victim’s stolen credit cards to attempt several transactions at north-end businesses. With retrieved surveillance footage, officers were able to identify the suspect as ISAIAS FERREIRA DACOSTA, 31. Det. Dacunha applied for an arrest warrant and advised all units to be on the lookout. On December 23rd, DACOSTA was located by Detectives Nathaniel Almeida and Jonathan Miranda in the area of Holly St. and Ashley Blvd. He was subsequently placed under arrest.

DACOSTA is charged with unarmed robbery of a victim over 60 years old, and five counts of attempting to use the victim’s credit card. He also had three other warrants for his arrest.

“Officers try their best to solve all robberies, however, when the perpetrator is someone who targets the elderly, it strikes a particular chord with everyone involved. I’m grateful for the effort of all the officers involved, from the patrol officers who took the initial report and comforted the victim, to the major crime detectives who tracked the surveillance video, and finally, the narcotics detectives who could locate him and place him under arrest. Great work”-Chief Paul Oliveira.

If you have any information you would like to share with the police, you can do so anonymously by visiting our website, [newbedfordpd.com](http://newbedfordpd.com), or by calling 508-99-CRIME.”-City of New Bedford Police Department.

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## **Mattapoissett Police charge New Bedford fugitive from justice with firearm offenses; separate car chase**

“On Friday December 22, 2023 at approximately 2132 hours Officer Myers was on patrol when he conducted a traffic stop on a 2009 Acura MDX on Rt. 6. A registration check of the vehicle indicated that the vehicle had an expired inspection sticker and that the registered owner, Derrick Costa, 36, from 196 Collete St in New Bedford had an active arrest warrant.

Further investigation and search of the vehicle produced a .38 cal revolver pistol. In addition, it was later discovered that Mr. Costa had an active warrant for his arrest out of New York for criminal possession of a firearm. Mr. Costa was charged with possession of a firearm without a license to carry and fugitive from justice. He was arraigned in the Wareham 4th District Court on Tuesday December 26, 2023 on those charges.

On the same evening Troopers from the Massachusetts State Police were in pursuit of a vehicle on I-195 west heading towards Mattapoissett when they requested assistance from the Mattapoissett Police Department. Officer Parker immediately responded to the area of I-195 and was able to successfully

deploy his Stinger Spike Strips and deflate the tires of the fleeing vehicle.

The vehicle safely came to a stop after a short distance and the operator was taken into custody by members of the Massachusetts State Police.”

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## **New Bedford Detectives charge two with allegedly running a drug delivery service in south end**

“NEW BEDFORD – Narcotics detectives have placed two men under arrest following an investigation into a drug delivery service being operated out of a south-end residence.

On December 20th, at around 5 PM, detectives executed a search warrant at 98 Grinnell St. During this search, over 29 grams of cocaine and 38 grams of fentanyl were discovered along with digital scales, packaging materials, and cutting agents. In addition, \$12,676 in US currency was located and seized as illicit proceeds from drug distribution.

The two men arrested were identified as Mr. LARRY PINA, 32, who resides at the Grinnell St. address, and Mr. ANTONION MARQUES, 56, of 1519 Purchase St. Both were taken into custody and charged with trafficking more than 18 grams of cocaine, trafficking above 36 grams of fentanyl, and conspiracy to violate the controlled substance laws.

At the time of this arrest, LARRY PINA had two open cases in

New Bedford District Court for possession with intent to distribute class B substance and possession with intent to distribute class A substance.

The investigating officer was Det. Nathaniel Almeida.

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# **New York Man arrested in connection to Christmas double motor vehicle fatality in Somerset**

“A 41-year-old New York resident has been arrested on charges related to a late Christmas night motor vehicle double-fatality on the Somerset side of the Veteran’s Memorial Bridge.

Adam Gauthier, formerly of Somerset, was arrested shortly after the 11 pm crash and is currently being charged with two counts of Manslaughter while Operating Under the Influence, two counts of Motor Vehicle Homicide-OUI Liquor, and one count each of OUI-Liquor with Serious Bodily Injury, Reckless Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Driving the Wrong Way on a State Highway.

Massachusetts State Police of the Dartmouth Barracks received an emergency call at 11 pm last night regarding a collision on the bridge involving a wrong way operator.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the defendant was driving a Range Rover eastbound in the westbound lane on Route 6 while crossing the bridge. While on the bridge, the defendant’s vehicle struck an Infiniti SUV head on.

The Infiniti was being operated by Floriano Arruda, 73, of Seekonk. Mr. Arruda’s wife, Donna Arruda, 68, also of Seekonk was in the front passenger seat and his 15-year-old grandson, Jacoby Arruda, also of Seekonk, was in the rear of the vehicle.

All three of the Arrudas were rushed to area hospitals. Jacoby Arruda was pronounced deceased last night at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River, and Floriano Arruda was pronounced deceased this morning at Rhode Island Hospital. Donna Arruda is currently in critical condition at Rhode Island Hospital.

Beyond the two initial vehicles involved in the crash was a third vehicle that also sustained front end damage during the incident. The driver and front seat passenger of the third vehicle sustained minor injuries and were treated at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River.

After being arrested in connection to this incident, the defendant was transported to Saint Luke's Hospital in New Bedford where he is currently being treated for non-life-threatening injuries. He will be arraigned on the charges previously noted in this press release from his hospital bed this afternoon.

The investigation into the crash remains ongoing at this time and is now the subject of a criminal prosecution. No further information can be disseminated.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Catherine Sauter."

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**Nevada man arrested by  
Dartmouth Police while  
allegedly driving stolen**



# vehicle

"DARTMOUTH, MA – On Saturday, December 23, 2023 at approximately 4:33 a.m., members of the Dartmouth Police Department located a stolen Toyota SUV in the parking lot of the Best Western Dartmouth – New Bedford, located at #737 State Road.

While monitoring the vehicle, detectives assigned to the Community Impact Unit observed a male, later identified as Blake DICKENS, 39, of #6368 Canyon Dawn Avenue, Las Vegas, NV enter the vehicle and start it with a key.

After detectives had DICKENS turn the vehicle off, he was detained pending the outcome of their investigation.

As a result of the investigation, DICKENS was placed under arrest and charged with receiving a stolen motor vehicle, uttering, possession of a false/stolen registry document (2 counts), and possession of a Class E drug."-Dartmouth Police Department.



*Dartmouth Police Department photo.*

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**Taunton Police charge New  
Bedford man with home  
invasion, intent to murder,**

# victim shot

“Chief Edward J. Walsh reports that the Taunton Police Department arrested a New Bedford man after a resident was shot during an armed home invasion late Friday evening.

**JOSHUA MANUEL DELEON, AGE 22, OF NEW BEDFORD was arrested and charged with:**

- Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon
- Assault and Battery
- Assault with a Dangerous Weapon
- Armed Assault with Intent to Murder
- Possession of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony
- Home Invasion
- Possession of Ammunition without a FID Card
- Use of Body Armor in the Commission of a Felony
- Possession of a Firearm with a Defaced Serial Number
- Discharge of a Firearm within 500 Feet of a Dwelling

On Friday, Dec. 22, at 10 p.m., Taunton Police responded to a home on Newcomb Place after 911 dispatches received a call from a cellphone around that location with a person screaming on the line. As two police officers arrived at a multi-unit house, dispatchers informed them that they had received reports of a firearm involved in an ongoing disturbance. Additional backup units were dispatched to the scene.

Officers announced their presence outside the home in question and a woman answered the door and allowed the officers to enter a second floor apartment. Inside, they found two men struggling on the ground, with one man on top of the other. Noting the report of the presence of a firearm, and fearing for their own safety and the safety of those around them, the officers unholstered their firearms and pointed them at the two men, ordering them to cease their struggle on the ground.

The men complied, and officers immediately noted that one of

the two was suffering from an apparent gunshot wound to the leg. The officers called for an emergency medical response.

The suspect, identified as DELEON, was also injured, suffering head trauma and other injuries during the altercation. A firearm was found near his person, and officers noted that he was wearing body armor. Officers later found two additional firearms as well as three bullet casings from the floor.

Police noted that, based on apparent bullet holes, an apartment above, on the third floor, may have been fired into during the struggle. Officers met with a woman who lives on the third floor and ascertained that she – and her four children inside the apartment – were frightened but not injured.

DELEON was transported to a local hospital before being transferred by medical helicopter to a Boston Hospital, where he is being treated, in police custody, for serious injuries sustained in the altercation. The other male, who was shot, was taken to a different hospital where he was being treated overnight and is expected to recover.

The two men are known to each other and that this incident was not a random act of violence. It is believed that the conflict originated in a different community and spilled over to Taunton.

The Taunton Fire Department responded to the scene and provided emergency medical services.

These are allegations. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty.”-Taunton Police Department.

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# **New Bedford Police Department responds to shots-fired early Friday night**

At approximately 8:00pm, Friday night, the New Bedford Police Department received several reports of “shots fired” in the city’s North End.

Upon arrival to Worcester Street not far from the Burger King and railroad tracks, police officers and New Bedford EMS discovered one adult male suffering from a gunshot wound.

It is early in the investigation so at this point police are unsure what led up to the shooting.

Lt. Scott Carola said the adult male has non-life threatening injuries.

This is an ongoing story and we will update this article with more details as they come in.

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# **West Bridgewater Man Who Rented A Room at a Day Care Arrested for Child Pornography**

A West Bridgewater man was arrested yesterday for allegedly receiving child pornography from an online communication application.

Juan Levano, 23, was charged by criminal complaint with one count of receipt of child pornography. Levano was arrested yesterday morning and, following an initial appearance in federal court in Boston, remains in federal custody.

According to the charging documents, an investigation into an internet-based communications application used for the trafficking of child pornography identified Levano as a likely user of the platform who participated in at least two groups where child pornography was disseminated.

Search warrants were executed yesterday at the residence where Levano resides and seized various electronic devices. According to the charging documents, Levano rented a room at the residence, which is registered as a residential daycare. Both Levano and the owner of the residence denied that Levano worked at the residential daycare and denied that Levano had any contact with the children who attend it.

It is alleged that Levano admitted to being a member of several groups on the chat application and obtaining child pornography from those groups – estimating that his collection included imagery of children ranging from infancy to 13 years old. A preliminary review of Levano's phone allegedly revealed that Levano was a member of several active groups on the platform that included the exchange of child pornography. It is further alleged that more than 100 video and image files were identified, most of which appear to depict child pornography, and stored in a photo application on Levano's phone. Forensic analysis of the seized devices is ongoing.

The charge of receipt of child pornography provides for a sentence of at least five years and up to 20 years in prison, at least five years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of up to \$ 250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

Members of the public who have questions, concerns or information regarding this case should call 617-748-3274.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy and Michael J. Krol, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in New England made the announcement today. Valuable assistance was provided by the West Bridgewater Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jessica L. Soto of the Office's Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse, launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the DOJ's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit <https://www.justice.gov/psc>.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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## **42-year-old New Bedford man caught cooking crack-cocaine sentenced to state prison**

"A 42-year-old New Bedford man was convicted of cocaine trafficking recently after a four-day jury trial in Fall River

Superior Court, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Wilson Andino was subsequently sentenced last week by Judge Daniel O'Shea to serve three-and-a-half to five-and-a-half years in state prison.

On February 4, 2022, New Bedford Police detectives executed a search warrant at a Carpo Street address. When officers got inside, they found the defendant essentially cooking crack-cocaine for distribution on a kitchen stove. He was observed in the kitchen with a measuring cup, filled with 99 grams of cocaine, spoons, knives, baking soda and two pots of boiling water in front of him.

The defendant has previously served jail or prison time for at least four other drug distribution cases dating all the way back to the late 1990s.

The trial was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Danielle Pixley.

"This defendant was caught in the act of processing crack cocaine for street sale. He has a history replete with drug distribution offenses and needs to be kept off the streets to stop him from continuing to profit off the addictions of others," District Attorney Quinn said."-District Attorney Quinn's Office.