

# **39-Year old New Bedford man charged with OUI early Sunday morning**

New Bedford police arrested 39-year old Florencio Riz of New Bedford for OUI-Liquor and for leaving the scene of an accident Sunday morning.

Police responded to the reports of a motor vehicle crash and located the driver in the area of 145 Nye Street at 3:37 am. Officers on the scene determined that Florencio Riz was over the legal limit for operating a vehicle.

There were no injuries reported.

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# **Narcotic Detectives arrest three men, seize loaded firearm.**

On Thursday, May 16, 2019, New Bedford Narcotic Detectives arrested three men after targeting street level narcotics activity in the South end of the city.

While investigating street level drug sales, Detectives observed three men engaging in activity consistent with street-level narcotics sales near a convenience store on Orchard Street. Detectives subsequently stopped a motor vehicle leaving the area and a male who walked into the convenience store based on their investigation.

Three men were arrested as a result of the investigation and were identified as Dylan Hart, 25, of 371 Middle Rd., Acushnet, Ma; Brian Rizza, 42, of 16A Algonquin Ln., Stratford, Ct; and Emmanuel Marquez, 33, of 15 Bluefield St., New Bedford, Ma.

Brian Rizza was charged with conspiracy to violate drug laws and unlawful possession of Suboxone. Dylan Hart was charged conspiracy to violate drug laws, unlawful possession of Suboxone, operating without a license, and three warrants. Emmanuel Marquez was charged with possession with intent to distribute Oxycodone, Adderall, and Suboxone, conspiracy to violate drug laws, receiving stolen property, warrants, carrying a loaded firearm, and unlawful possession of a firearm.

Detective Jean Lopez was the arresting officers.

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## **Wareham woman arrested for fentanyl trafficking**

On Thursday, April 25, in conjunction with the federal investigation, Wareham police detectives executed a search warrant at 308 Onset Avenue in Wareham. At that location, officers seized fentanyl, numerous pills, firearm parts, and over 100 rounds of ammunition.

27-year old Kayla Boutilier of 308 Onset Avenue was arrested and charged with trafficking in fentanyl, possession with intent to distribute a class "E" drug, and possession of ammunition without an FID card.

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# Dartmouth Police Arrest Fall River Man for Trafficking Fentanyl

On Saturday, May 18, 2019, Dartmouth Police Department Narcotics Detectives arrested Justin GRIFFEY, 35, of #193 Albion Street, Fall River on charges related to a narcotics investigation.

As a result of the arrest, detectives seized 79 grams of suspected Fentanyl with an approximate street value of \$4,000 and 2.5 grams of cocaine. In addition to the narcotics, detectives also seized \$722 in U.S. currency, cutting agent and digital scales.

GRIFFEY was charged with trafficking Fentanyl, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, and numerous motor vehicle offenses.

According to Chief Brian P. LEVESQUE, "As part of our uncompromising and continued dedication of ridding Dartmouth of these dangerous peddlers of death, this is the fourth drug-related arrest that detectives have made in the past two days."

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## Massachusetts "Most Wanted

# Fugitive" who was sought in Shooting captured in North Carolina

A fugitive wanted for shooting a woman in Springfield earlier this year was captured this afternoon in North Carolina after an investigating by Massachusetts State Police, Springfield Police, and US Marshals tracked the suspect to that state.

**ALEZANDER LIRIANO**, 21, who last week was added to the Massachusetts State Police Most Wanted list, was arrested by a United States Marshals Task Force outside a residence in Wilmington, North Carolina at approximately 12:45 p.m.

In recent days, MSP Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section Trooper Nelson Zayas and Springfield Police Officer Christopher Bates (a member of a regional US Marshals Task Force), developed information that LIRIANO could be at the North Carolina address. The Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section (MSP VFAS) sent the lead to the Marshals Task Force in North Carolina, and the arrest was made shortly thereafter.

Task Force officers placed LIRIANO in custody without incident. He is being held pending rendition to Massachusetts, where he will be prosecuted by the Hamden District Attorney.

LIRIANO is wanted for the March 5 late-morning shooting of a woman at the intersection of Dickinson Street and Lansing Place in Springfield. The victim was transported to a local hospital with serious injuries, but survived.

Subsequent investigation by Springfield Police revealed that LIRIANO shot the woman during a street robbery, and police obtained a warrant from Springfield District Court for charging him with armed robbery with a firearm, assault and battery with a firearm, and discharging a firearm within 500

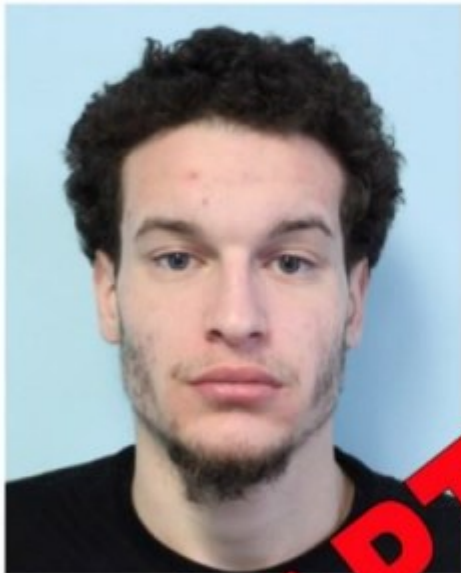
feet of a building. LIRIANO is also the subject of a warrant for breaking and entering for a separate incident.

MSP VFAS added him to the unit's list of Most Wanted fugitives on May 10. An updated Most Wanted poster is below.



# MOST WANTED

**ALEZANDER LIRIANO**



2019 PHOTO

WANTED FOR:

**Armed Robbery-Firearm  
Discharge Firearm Within 500 Ft of Building  
A&B with Firearm**

DOB:.....09/15/97  
Height:.....6'-02"  
Weight:.....180 lbs.  
Hair:.....Dark Brown  
Eyes:.....Brown/Hazel  
Race/Born:.....White  
Ethnicity:.....Hispanic  
AKA's:.....Alec, Crazy, Crazy  
FBI #:.....796478MDS  
Tattoos: .....Left Forearm - "Amparo"  
Left Wrist "Moe"

**CAPTURED  
05/17/19**

Shortly after 11:00 AM on March 3, 2019, the Springfield Police Department responded to a shooting at the intersection of Dickenson Street and Lansing Place. A female was discovered lying in the street suffering from a gunshot wound to the torso. She was transported to a local hospital with serious injuries but survived. An investigation by Springfield PD revealed that Alezander LIRIANO allegedly shot the female during a street robbery and a warrant issued out of Springfield District Court for Armed Robbery-Firearm, Discharge Firearm Within 500' of Building and A&B With Firearm. LIRIANO has a second warrant for Breaking & Entering as well as previous convictions in Massachusetts for Armed Robbery, Larceny From a Person and multiple counts of Assault & Battery. LIRIANO has visible tattoos on his arms, a small scar on his hand and should be considered Armed and Dangerous. He is aware he is being sought by law enforcement and has ties throughout Western Massachusetts. Warrant #1923CR001424 and warrant #1723CR006416 have been issued for the arrest of LIRIANO with Nationwide Extradition authorized.

# Defendant connected to Easton Double Fatality held without bail

Sheri Vazquez was ordered held without bail pending the result of a dangerousness hearing during her arraignment this afternoon in Taunton District Court.

A dangerousness hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 22 at 11 .m. in Taunton District Court.

Massachusetts State Police, Easton Police, West Bridgewater Police and prosecutors from this office continue to actively investigating a fatal crash, which occurred Thursday evening on Route 138 in Easton.

At 6:18 pm, Easton Police responded to the intersection of Route 138 and Purchase Street for a two-car motor vehicle crash.

A preliminary investigation has revealed that a Dodge Journey being operated by Sheri Vazquez, 33, of Easton, was traveling at a high rate of speed on Route 138 when her vehicle collided with a Hyundai Elantra that was attempting to turn onto Purchase Street.

The second vehicle's two occupants, John Masefield, 79, and Virginia Masefield, 77, have both died as a result of the collision. The married couple were from East Bridgewater.

After the collision, Sheri Vazquez, who was the sole occupant of the Dodge Journey, exited her vehicle and ran from the scene. She was arrested a short time later just over the town line in West Bridgewater.

The defendant was arraigned today on charges of leaving the scene—death resulting, two counts of motor vehicle homicide by

reckless operation, reckless operation of a motor vehicle and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. More charges could be lodged as the investigation continued.

The arraignment was handled by Assistant District Attorney Cynthia Letourneau.

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## **Massachusetts State Officials offer advice for preventing arson at houses of worship after two synagogue fires**

Investigators from the Arlington and Needham Fire and Police Departments, Massachusetts State Police, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) are working together to investigate two arson fires at a residence/synagogue in Arlington and one at a Needham synagogue. The first Arlington fire occurred on May 12, 2019, and a second fire was set at the same location last night. In Needham last night, there was also an intentionally set fire at a synagogue. The investigative team is bringing all necessary resources to these fires, which may or may not be connected.

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey said, "Every arson fire causes fear and anxiety in the community, but one in a house of worship more so because of the possibility a group was targeted for violence." He added, "There are steps that houses of worship can take to protect themselves from both accidental and intentionally-set fires,"

## **Preventing Arson at Houses of Worship**

Preventing arson at houses of worship covers three main areas: external security, internal security, and community awareness. Here are some steps the public can take:

### **External Security**

- Illuminate the exterior and entrances. (Use shielded fixtures with warm light bulbs of Correlated Color Temperature CCT- of 3,000 K or less. Avoid bright white or blue lights for better visibility.)
- Use motion-activated lighting near doors and windows.
- Keep shrubbery and trees trimmed so the building can be observed by passing patrols. •
- Do not allow church signs to block the view of the building.
- Many buildings have basement entries that are hidden from view. These should be secured with locking, ground-level doors when the building is not in use.
- Ladders, external stairways, and fire escapes allowing access to the roof should be secured.
- Painting the building white or constructing it with light-colored brick makes a human figure more readily seen at night.
- Consider fencing the areas or sides that are not readily visible to patrols or neighbors.

### **Internal Security**

- Install smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system.
- Keep doors and windows locked.
- Clean up – Remove anything that could fuel a fire for an arsonist.

### **Community Awareness**

- Establish an arson watch program. For information on how, download the U.S. fire Administration's Community Arson Prevention pamphlet.
- Use our free brochure PDF 1.4 MB, handout PDF 586 KB or



poster PDF 348 KB to spread the word about arson prevention.

- Keep congregation leaders informed of problems.
- Be aware of individuals who may be disgruntled or likely to cause damage to property through arson or vandalism.
- Be aware that vandalism may precede arson!
- Open avenues of communication with fire and law enforcement officials regarding the arson problem places of worship are facing.
- Appoint a person from the congregation to be a liaison with law and fire officials.
- Promote neighborhood watches and educate the neighbors with the lighting arrangements (motion lights, etc.).
- Educate neighbors on recognizing unusual activities.
- Encourage neighbors to make note of strangers spending time in the neighborhood, either on foot or in vehicles.
- Write down the license plate numbers of suspicious vehicles and inform the proper authorities.
- Do not advertise on signs or bulletins when the place of worship will not be in use.

Reverend James Tilbe, chief chaplain of the Massachusetts Corps of Fire Chaplains said, "There is no arson fire that tears at the fabric of a community more than one involving a house of worship. These are sacred spaces where people connect to their God and to each other."

There have been 21 arson fires in houses of worship over the past decade (2009-2018) in Massachusetts. One of the most notorious occurred the night Barack Obama was elected President in Springfield, November 5, 2008. The Church of the Macedonia God in Christ was a storefront church attended mostly by African Americans. Eventually, three youths were arrested and charged with setting the fire. But not only Christian churches have been victimized. There have been fires at Jewish synagogues, Hindu temples and Muslim mosques as well.

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## **New Bedford man criminally summonsed for poaching**

On the evening of Thursday, May 16, 2019, Massachusetts Environmental Police Officers responded to a report in New Bedford of an individual keeping undersized striped bass and hiding them within a duffel bag.

Officers encountered the individual as he was leaving the area and found him to be in possession of 6 striped Bass ranging from 16-23 inches in length. The gear was seized and the individual was criminally summonsed for fishing without a saltwater permit, possession of undersized striped bass, and possession over the recreational limit. The fish were still alive and returned to the sea.

The Massachusetts Environmental Police remind fishermen that the recreational limit for striped bass is one fish, a minimum of 28-inches.

To report poachers, please contact MEP Dispatch 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-800-632-8075 or report online at <http://bit.ly/MEPReport>.

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## **Easton woman kills two in crash, flees scene on foot**

# before being arrested

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After the collision, Sheri Vazquez, who was the sole occupant of the Dodge Journey, exited her vehicle and ran from the scene. She was arrested a short time later just over the town line in West Bridgewater.

She is initially being charged with leaving the scene of personal injury and negligent operation of a motor vehicle, although more charges could be lodged against her. The defendant has been transported to an area hospital for a well being check and should be arraigned tomorrow morning in Taunton District Court.

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# Four New Bedford men federally charged with Fentanyl distribution

Five men and one woman have been charged in three indictments with drug and firearm offenses following an investigation of a drug ring operating in and around Wareham and New Bedford.

Steven Miranda, 52, of Wareham; Manuel Pina-Agee, 32; Clifford Gomes, 53; and Casey Andrade, 37, all of New Bedford, were each charged with conspiring to distribute fentanyl, heroin, cocaine, and marijuana. The indictment alleges the conspiracy involved more than 40 grams of fentanyl and more than 10 grams of furanyl fentanyl, a fentanyl analogue. All four men are also charged with possessing fentanyl with the intent to distribute it in April of 2019. In addition, Pina-Agee and Gomes are charged with possessing a firearm after having been convicted of a crime punishable by more than one year in prison.

Jarrett Galloway, 28, of New Bedford, was charged in a separate indictment with distributing and possessing with intent to distribute fentanyl on Jan. 29, 2019, and possessing cocaine with intent to distribute it on April 25, 2019.

Jodi Smith, 33, formerly of Wareham, was charged in a third indictment with three counts of distributing fentanyl in January and February 2019.

Pina-Agee, Andrade, and Smith were arrested on April 25, 2019, and charged by criminal complaint. Pina-Agee is detained and Andrade and Smith were released on conditions. Gomes, Miranda, and Galloway were arrested on state charges on April 25, 2019. The state charges are expected to be dismissed in lieu of federal prosecution.

For Pina-Agee, Gomes, Miranda, and Andrade, the conspiracy charge carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years and up to 40 years in prison, a minimum of four and up to a lifetime of supervised release, and a fine of \$5 million. For Pina-Agee, the charge of possession with intent to distribute carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years and up to 40 years in prison, a minimum of four years and up to a lifetime of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$5 million. The other drug charges each carry a sentence of no greater than 20 years in prison, a minimum of three years and up to a lifetime of supervised release, and a fine of \$1 million. The firearm charges carry a sentence of no greater than 10 years in prison, three years 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 other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Brian D. Boyle, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Agency, New England Field Division; Kelly D. Brady, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Boston Field Division; and Acting Wareham Police Chief John Walcek made the announcement. The Sandwich, Carver, Middleboro, and New Bedford Police Departments also participated in the investigation, as did the Internal Revenue Service and Homeland Security Investigations. Assistant U.S. Attorney Ted Heinrich of Lelling's Criminal Division is prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendants remain innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.