

Man Who Attacked Elderly Dartmouth Man Sentenced to State Prison

A 39-year-old Canton man who violently attacked and robbed an elderly Dartmouth man at a Dartmouth gas station in late 2016 was sentenced to serve 10 to 12 years in state prison, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Robert Perard was convicted in Fall River Superior Court last week after an 11-day trial of indictments charging him with armed and masked robbery, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon on a person over 60 years old.

On November 25, 2016, the defendant entered a Shell gas station while masked and proceeded to approach the victim, strike him in the face, knock him to the ground, strike him over the head with a gun, and took money from his pockets. The victim, who provided an impact statement to the court during sentencing last week, told Judge Sharon Donatelle that the attack has caused him severe stress and anxiety. He also said the incident has negatively impacted his relationship with his friends and that he suffers nightmares about the incident.

A thorough investigation by Dartmouth Police determined that the female clerk at the gas station helped plan the robbery with the defendant. The female clerk has since fled the area and is likely to be indicted in the near future. The investigation, though, did lead to the arrest of the defendant about a month after the incident.

During the sentencing hearing, Assistant District Attorney Patrick Driscoll argued that based on the defendant's lengthy criminal record, which includes multiple robbery convictions, coupled with the vicious nature of the attack, the defendant should serve a 12 to 15 year state prison term. The defendant,

however, requested a more lenient five year state prison sentence.

“A 69 year old man just minding his own business was violently robbed by the defendant. This was a classic inside job because the clerk knew he carried all his cash on him,” District Attorney Quinn said. “This was not an easy case to solve and the Dartmouth police deserve a lot of credit for their follow through in arresting the defendant. The defendant is a repeat offender who deserves to be off the street for a long time.”

Massachusetts State Troopers arrest two on weapons and drug charges

In the early morning hours on Saturday, Trooper Michael Leslie, of the State Police Shelburne Falls Barracks, was patrolling Route 91 in Greenfield when he noticed a 2002 BMW sedan with a defective license plate lamp and a loud exhaust. As Trooper Leslie was following the BMW he also noticed the driver was having trouble staying within the proper lane boundaries.

He then activated his emergency lights and stopped the vehicle as it crossed into Bernardston.

As Trooper Leslie approached the vehicle he noticed the operator, identified as STEVEN HULL, 50 of Brattleboro, Vt., and passenger JENNIFER SASSO, 51 also of Brattleboro, Vt., moving around strangely while seated. Trooper Leslie was also able to observe paraphernalia commonly used in the consumption of crack cocaine along with packaging materials commonly used

in the sale of illegal narcotics.

While speaking to the occupants, Trooper Leslie discovered there was a loaded handgun in the vehicle. Neither HULL nor SASSO were licensed to possess a firearm and as a result were both taken into custody. A search of HULL's person yielded additional drug paraphernalia prior to him being transported to the barracks.

Once HULL and SASSO were secured, Trooper Leslie searched the vehicle with the assistance of Trooper Chris Titi, K9 Trooper Greg Valentine, and Officer Emily Rowell of the Greenfield Police Department. Their search yielded a combined 34 grams of crack cocaine, powder cocaine, and fentanyl along with numerous prescription pills, over \$1400 in cash, additional drug paraphernalia, a Hi-Point 9mm pistol, and 8 rounds of 9mm ammunition.

HULL and SASSO were both transported to the Shelburne Falls barracks where they were booked. A bail amount of \$50,000 was placed on HULL and \$25,000 on SASSO, however, they were transported to the Franklin County House of Correction to await transport to their arraignment this morning at Greenfield District Court.

In addition to motor vehicle violations HULL is charged with the following:

- Trafficking in Cocaine;
- Trafficking in Fentanyl;
- Conspiracy to Violate Drug Laws;
- Felon in Possession of a Firearm;
- Improper Storage of a Firearm;
- Carrying a Dangerous Weapon;
- Possession of a Firearm without an FID Card;
- Possession of Ammunition without an FID Card;
- Possession of a Class B Drug;
- Possession of a Class A Drug; and

- Possession of a Class E Drug.

SASSO is charged with the following:

- Trafficking in Cocaine;
 - Trafficking in Fentanyl;
 - Possession of a Class B Drug with Intent to Distribute;
 - Conspiracy to Violate Drug Laws;
 - Possession of a Class B Drug; and
 - Possession of a Class E Drug.
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Charges to be Filed in Road Rage Incident

The two women involved in the reported road rage incident on Route 128 in Danvers on Friday, will be charged criminally for their involvement in the incident.

The 64-year-old woman from Beverly will be summoned for the following offenses;

1. Assault & battery; and
2. Disorderly conduct.

The 33-year-old woman from Gloucester will be summoned for the following offenses;

1. Assault & battery on +60/disabled person with injury;
2. Disorderly conduct;
3. Reckless operation of a motor vehicle;
4. Stopping on a state highway/parking; and
5. Assault.

Both women will be summoned by the Salem District Court to appear at a future date. Additionally, an “immediate threat”

has been filed with the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) for both women. Both women will have to appear before the RMV to obtain an active status on their driver's licenses.

No further information is currently available. Please do not call the barracks directly.

To view the original release, [click here](#).

Also note, we do not release identities of those summoned (they haven't been arrested) until after they appear in court. Once they appear for their scheduled hearings, their identities can be obtained from the district court.

ICE places detainer on Uber driver accused of rape in Boston

Immigration and Customs Enforcement has placed a detainer in DAUDAH MAYANJA, 37, of Waltham, the man charged with raping a woman in his vehicle on the Esplanade. Additionally, MAYANJA's bail was increased to \$100,000. He is a Ugandan citizen. He remains held by Massachusetts State Police and will be arraigned tomorrow in Boston Municipal Court.

Details on the initial rape report:
<https://www.newbedfordguide.com/state-police-investigating-alleged-sexual-assault-by-uber-driver-in-boston/2019/03/30>

Fugitive Wanted for New Bedford Motor Vehicle Homicide Captured in Rhode Island

Late this afternoon, Troopers from the Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section, assisted by officers from the Massachusetts Department of Corrections, the Massachusetts Department of Parole, and Rhode Island police, located and arrested fugitive vehicular homicide suspect JAMES BENNETT-WERRA, 21.

BENNETT-WERRA has been sought by authorities since March 27, when a car in which he was fleeing crashed into another vehicle in New Bedford and caused the death of a woman in the car and serious injuries to another occupant. At the time of the crash, BENNETT-WERRA was already a fugitive, having cut off his court-ordered electronic monitoring device prior two days to causing the fatality.

Following the fatal crash on March 27, the Massachusetts Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section worked tirelessly for several days to locate BENNETT-WERRA, along with Troopers from the Bristol County State Police Detective Unit and DOC and Parole Officers, and Officers from the Taunton, Easton, New Bedford and Fall River police departments. Investigators eventually developed intelligence that led to an address in Rhode Island.

Today at approximately 5 p.m. MSP Troopers, DOC and Parole Officers, and Rhode Island Police located BENNETT-WERRA at a residence in Pawtucket and took him into custody without incident. He was brought to the Pawtucket Police Department and booked as a fugitive from justice. He will be held pending

rendition to Massachusetts.

On the morning of March 27, a Chevrolet Malibu being driven by BENNETT-WERRA struck another vehicle at the intersection of Ashley Boulevard and Tallman Street in New Bedford. Shortly before the crash, BENNETT-WERRA had fled from Fairhaven Police when they tried to stop the Malibu in their town.

The suspect's car drove into New Bedford, traveled west on Tallman Street, failed to stop at the stop sign at Ashley Boulevard and collided with a Toyota Corolla. One occupant of the Corolla, Janet Murphy, 68, died as a result of the crash, and another occupant, a male, suffered serious injuries.

BENNETT-WERRA fled from the crash scene on foot. A male passenger in the Malibu with him remained at the scene.

BENNETT-WERRA was previously convicted of assault and battery on a family or household member and carrying a dangerous weapon. After serving time he had been paroled to a family member's home and ordered to wear a monitoring bracelet. It is believed he cut off the bracelet on March 25. Parole officers immediately began searching for him.

State Police investigating alleged sexual assault by Uber driver in Boston

An early morning incident on Storrow Drive in Boston, and a subsequent investigation by Massachusetts State Police, led to the arrest of an Uber driver for a reported rape.

At about 1:15 a.m., State Police received a report that a woman had been sexually assaulted by an Uber driver on Storrow Drive near the Hatch Memorial Shell in Boston.

Preliminary investigation by Trooper Nathan Cinelli of the Boston Barracks, Troop H Detective Trooper Timothy Burns, and Sergeant Joel Balducci of the State Police Detective Unit for Suffolk County led to the arrest of the driver, DAUDAH MAYANJA, 37, of Waltham, on two counts of Rape.

State Police Crime Scene Services personnel and an MSP chemist collected potential evidence for forensic analysis.

MAYANJA was booked at the Brighton Barracks before being transferred to the Boston Barracks and held on \$25,000 bail pending his arraignment in Boston Municipal Court on Monday.

The victim in this case, an adult female, was transported to an area hospital for treatment.

UPDATE: Police seek New Bedford man connected with fatal car accident at Ashley Boulevard & Tallman Street

This is an update of a previous article about an active police investigation connected with a two-car accident killed an elderly woman and put her passenger in critical condition.

There were two passengers in the vehicle that went through a stop sign causing the accident. One was arrested and one fled the scene.

The second victim of the motor vehicle crash at Ashley Boulevard and Tallman Street in the City of New Bedford on March 27, 2019, has been identified as 28-year-old Kyle Murphy of New Bedford. Mr. Murphy remains in critical condition at Rhode Island Hospital.

The second occupant of the Chevy Malibu, and alleged driver of that vehicle, has been identified through police investigation as James Bennet-Werra. Mr. Bennet-Werra has a Superior Court Probation Warrant as well as a Parole Violation Warrant and is currently being sought by police.

This remains an active investigation by the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Bristol District Attorney's Office and the New Bedford Police Department.

Man accused of throwing dog in dumpster because it wouldn't let him sleep

On Sunday, March 24, Wareham Department of Natural Resources Officers were dispatched to 3030 Cranberry Highway, Lakeside Trailer Park, for a report of animal cruelty where a man threw a dog into a dumpster located on the property.

Officers responded to the scene and observed a man removing a small black and white dog out of a commercial type dumpster. Officer McIntosh, first on the scene, approached the visibly upset male subject and learned that the individual was the dog's owner. He identified an individual named James, who was staying at his house, had thrown the dog into the dumpster.

A second witness also reported seeing a man exit the dog owner's house while holding the dog, walk over to the dumpster, lift the small dog over his head and heaved the dog into the dumpster.

Officers made contact with 28-year old James M. Balboni of Dover, New Hampshire, and learned that he threw the dog into the dumpster because he was tired, had not slept, and the dog would not stop bothering him.

Mr. Balboni has been charged with cruelty to animals under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 272 Section 77. He is set to be arraigned at the Wareham District Court at a later date.

The dog did not sustain any injuries and is in the possession of the owner.

Police arrest New Bedford man wanted as fugitive from justice in New York

On Thursday, March 28, 2019, at approximately 12:45 a.m., while conducting a property check of Apponagansett Beach, Dartmouth Police Officer Michael CARREIRO observed a vehicle parked in the lot with two occupants.

As the parking lot has time restrictions, Officer CARREIRO proceeded to identify the two male occupants, at which time he learned that one of them, Angel DEJESUS RODRIGUEZ, 32, of Chancery Street, New Bedford, had an active extraditable warrant out of Suffolk County, New York for dangerous drugs.

Based on the warrant, DEJESUS RODRIGUEZ was arrested and

charged with being a fugitive from justice.

Massachusetts Man Arrested For Sexually Exploiting Children

A Whitman man was arrested and charged Tuesday in federal court in Boston with sexual exploitation of children.

Matthew Murphy, 22, was charged with two counts of sexual exploitation of children. Murphy appeared in federal court yesterday afternoon and was detained pending a detention hearing scheduled for today at 3:30 p.m.

According to charging documents, the investigation began when Murphy, posing as a teenage girl, used a Snapchat account to extort nude photographs from a Massachusetts middle school boy. Federal agents obtained portions of the Snapchat account Murphy had created in the fake identity and uncovered evidence of similar extortion of other minors in the area.

During the execution of the search warrant at Murphy's home, Murphy admitted that the fake account was his, and investigators found forensic evidence of the account on some of his electronic devices. Murphy was subsequently arrested.

Law enforcement is actively working to identify additional victims. Members of the public with questions or information about this matter should call 617-748-3274.

The charges of sexual exploitation of children each provide for a minimum mandatory sentence of 15 years and no greater than 30 years in prison, a minimum of five years and up to a

lifetime of supervised release and a fine of \$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 and Peter C. Fitzhugh, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Boston, made the announcement today. The Whitman Police Department provided valuable assistance with the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Anne Paruti, Lelling's Project Safe Childhood Coordinator and a member of his Major Crimes Unit, is prosecuting the case.

The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In 2006, the Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from exploitation and abuse. 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 www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

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.