

Psychic pleads guilty to evading taxes after taking \$3.5 million from elderly Martha's Vineyard woman

A south Florida woman, who purported to be a psychic, pleaded guilty today in federal court in Boston to impeding the Internal Revenue Service by hiding more than \$3.5 million of income that she was paid by an elderly Martha's Vineyard woman.

Sally Ann Johnson, a/k/a Angela Johnson, a/k/a Angelia Johnson, a/k/a Sally Reed, 41, pleaded guilty to attempting to interfere with the administration of the Internal Revenue laws. U.S. District Court Judge Denise J. Casper scheduled sentencing for Jan. 17, 2018.

Johnson owned and operated various businesses, including Flatiron Psychic, Psychic Match, Inc., and Psychic Spiritual Salon, Inc., all of which purported to offer "psychic readings," "spiritual cleansing & strengthening," and "meditation & healing." From 2007 to 2014, Johnson was paid over \$3.5 million by an elderly woman living on Martha's Vineyard to purportedly perform spiritual cleansing and healing services to rid the woman of demons through repeated exorcisms. Rather than reporting her income to the IRS and paying taxes on it, Johnson took steps to conceal it. Specifically, Johnson used an alias and directed the woman to send payments to at least three different bank accounts with which Johnson was associated, including an account in another person's name. Johnson then withdrew large portions of the woman's payments from the accounts in cash. In addition, Johnson accrued substantial charges on a credit card held in the name of the elderly woman, who ultimately paid the credit

card bills, thereby concealing from the IRS the true extent of Johnson's income. Neither Johnson nor any of the businesses she operated filed a tax return or paid taxes on the income she received from the woman.

As part of a plea agreement with the government, Johnson agreed to repay \$3,567,300 to the Martha's Vineyard woman and to pay restitution to the IRS for the taxes she avoided from 2007 to 2014.

The charging statute provides for a sentence of no greater than three years in prison, one year of supervised release, a fine of up to \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss caused by the offense, and restitution. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based on the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

20-year old New Bedford man shot on Wednesday afternoon

New Bedford police officers responded to St. Luke's Hospital Wednesday on a report that a 20-year-old male patient had suffered a single gunshot wound. The man was shot around 1:20pm in the area of 502 Mount Pleasant Street. The victim was later transported to Rhode Island Hospital with non life-threatening injuries. The police are not releasing anymore information at this time.

The shooting comes about 6 hours after a **47-year old New Bedford man was stabbed to death on Tallman Street.**

New Bedford police arrest two, seize \$200,000 worth of cocaine on Nash Road

New Bedford Police narcotics division and gang unit took nearly \$200,000 worth of cocaine off the streets Wednesday and made two arrests after an investigation into a cocaine delivery service out of 262 Nash Road Apt. 3.

A search warrant was executed at the location and police discovered 1,253 grams of cocaine; a loaded Taurus 357 revolver with five rounds of ammunition and \$7,597.

Police arrested Arcadio Navarro, 24, of 262 Nash Rod Apt. 3, New Bedford, on charges of trafficking in cocaine (over 200 grams), conspiracy to violate drug laws, possession of a firearm without a license, unlawful possession of ammunition, felony possession of a firearm and malicious damage to a motor vehicle.

He faces motor vehicle charges for striking two police cruisers in an attempt to evade police who were attempting to stop him prior to the search.

Police also arrested Brooke Carr, 31, of 262 Nash Road, Apt. 3, New Bedford, on charges of trafficking in cocaine (over 200 grams), possession of a firearm without a license, conspiracy to violate drug laws, felony possession of a firearm and unlawful possession of ammunition.

The arrests were made at about 6:26 p.m.

Arrest Made for Wednesday Homicide of Angel Camacho; Arraignment Today

An arrest has been made in connection to the Wednesday morning homicide of Angel Camacho in New Bedford.

Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the Hampden County District attorney's office, along with member of the state police unit assigned to this office, arrested David J. Antonetty, 20, of New Bedford, on a charge of murder. Mr. Antonetty was arrested without incident in Springfield by a team of state troopers led by Captain Christopher Wilcox of the Hampden County District attorney's State Police Unit.

Mr. Antonetty is being transported back to the SouthCoast and will be arraigned sometime today in New Bedford District Court on the murder charge.

The arraignment will be handled by Assistant District Attorney Michael Cahillane, who coordinated the rapid investigation to the slaying.

District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III and New Bedford Police Chief Joseph Cordeiro would like to thank the state police unit in Hampden County for their cooperation, professionalism and quick assistance in this case.

New Bedford Police received a 911 call Wednesday morning around 6:30 a.m. in regards to a potential drug overdose outside of 45 Tallman Street. However, when police and rescue personnel arrived on scene, they found the victim was suffering from multiple stab wounds.

The victim, 47-year-old Angel Camacho, was rushed to Saint Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, where he was pronounced dead later in the morning.

No further information on the case can be released at this time.

Police Seize 50 Pounds of Marijuana During a Traffic Stop on I-95 in West Greenwich

Colonel Ann C. Assumpico, Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police and Director of the Department of Public Safety, announces that a New York City resident was arrested last night after troopers seized 50 pounds of marijuana from his rental car during a traffic stop on Interstate 95.

Jonathan Yu, 27, of New York, NY, was charged with possession of marijuana in excess of five kilograms and possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance Schedule I and II (marijuana).

Troopers arrested Yu after stopping him for speeding on Interstate 95 North in West Greenwich around 10:25 p.m. last night. His recorded speed was 81 miles an hour. During a search of his car, troopers found 47 vacuum-sealed bags of marijuana in the trunk. The total weight was 50 pounds with an estimated street value of approximately \$50,000.

Yu was arrested and held overnight, pending arraignment later

today in Third Division District Court. He also was cited for speeding.

New Bedford Travel Agent Ordered to Pay \$44,000 in Restitution To Victims of Scam

A 48-year-old New Bedford travel agent who bilked several of her clients out of more than \$40,000 pleaded guilty last week in Fall River Superior Court to a litany of larceny charges and was ordered to pay all of her victims back in full, District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Lucy Pimental pleaded guilty a multi-count indictment charging her with nine counts of larceny over \$250 and one count of larceny over \$250 of a person over 60 years old.

The defendant was placed on supervised probation for five years and was ordered to pay \$44,309 in restitution to the victims. The case touched on multiple jurisdictions in Bristol County, with victims in Freetown, New Bedford, Dartmouth and Taunton.

The defendant began stealing from clients in February, 2014 after losing her job with a local travel agency, and continued her theft until March, 2015.

The first victim reported to Freetown Police that in February, 2014, she paid more than \$3,000 to the defendant for a Royal Caribbean cruise scheduled to depart in early 2015. The victim

had booked four previous trips with the defendant while the defendant was working at a local travel agency. In August, 2014 the victim checked on her reservations and found they had been cancelled due to non-payment. The victim got in touch with the defendant, and was told by the defendant that the cruise was re-booked. In fact, the cruise had not been re-booked and the victim lost more than \$3,000.

In March, 2015, another victim who had previously booked trips with the defendant while the defendant worked at a local travel agency, reported to New Bedford Police that she had lost more than \$10,000 to the defendant's scheme. In this case, the defendant came to the victim's workplace to sell her on "some great deals" to Disney World. The victim gave the defendant more than \$3,600 in cash and her credit card information to pay for the rest of the total for the trip. When the victim realized the trip had never been booked, the defendant promised to repay her, but never did.

In September, 2014 a Taunton victim met with the defendant at a restaurant in Taunton and gave the defendant more than \$5,600 to book a cruise for four people and then a week later gave the defendant another \$9,000 for a planned cruise to Italy. The victim received an email confirming both bookings, but never received a subsequent cancellation notice. The victim eventually made contact with the defendant about the cancelled trips and was given numerous different false promises. The victim in this case lost nearly \$15,000.

In March, 2015, the defendant's Dartmouth doctor, who had treated the defendant for previous serious disease, was also bilked out of more than \$13,000. The victim paid the defendant for a trip for two adults and five children to go on a Disney cruise. The defendant at the time told the victim that despite no longer working at a travel agency, she was still able to get discounted rates. The defendant even told the doctor that her own family was going on the same cruise with them because of the great rates. After realizing the trip had never been

booked, the victim attempted to contact the defendant on numerous occasions but was ignored. When they finally got in touch, the defendant told the victim that her phone had fell in the toilet, lied about re-booking the trip and even sent the doctor a fake Jet Blue receipt.

After being arrested in 2015, the defendant denied any wrongdoing, but admitted she owed some of her clients money. The defendant claimed she was in contact with “Jennifer from New Jersey” to book all the vacations, but could provide no last name for Jennifer or any contact information.

“This was an egregious breach of trust by the defendant who even defrauded her own doctor,” District Attorney Quinn said. “I hope the defendant has the same enthusiasm for paying back restitution that she did for stealing and defrauding long-time friends, doctors and clients who put their trust in her.”

47-year old New Bedford man stabbed to death on Tallman Street

New Bedford Police, Massachusetts State Police detectives assigned to the district attorney’s office and Homicide Unit Prosecutors are actively investigating a homicide, which occurred this morning in The City of New Bedford.

Police received a 911 call this morning around 6:30 a.m. in regards to a potential drug overdose outside of 45 Tallman Street. However, when police and rescue personnel arrived on scene, they found the victim was suffering from multiple stab wounds.

The victim, a 47-year-old New Bedford man, was rushed to Saint Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, where he was pronounced dead later in the morning. The victim is not being publicly identified at this time since his next of kin has yet to be located and notified of his death.

There is no one in custody at this time connected to the homicide.

Framingham Man Sentenced to 17 Years in Prison for Sexually Exploiting Approximately 150 Boys

A Framingham man was sentenced yesterday in federal court in Boston for sexually exploiting approximately 150 boys by posing as a teenage girl on the internet and convincing the boys to send nude photos and videos of themselves to him.

Curtis Simoneau, 24, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Leo T. Sorokin to 17 years in prison and 10 years of supervised release. Simoneau will also have to register as a sex offender upon his release from federal prison. In June 2017, Simoneau pleaded guilty to two counts of coercion and enticement of a minor and one count of possession of child pornography.

On March 7, 2016, law enforcement in central Massachusetts responded to a complaint regarding the possible sexual exploitation of a 13-year-old boy. When an officer interviewed the victim and his parents, the victim said he began

communicating with “LJ” via KiK Messenger, a mobile instant messaging app, in December 2015.

Simoneau, posing online as “LJ,” told the victim that he was a 14-year-old girl living in Maine and offered to exchange nude images and nude videos with the victim, which they did on multiple occasions. The victim believed he was in an online relationship with “LJ.” The victim also told law enforcement that he had introduced his friend, a 12-year-old boy, to “LJ” via KiK, and that his friend and “LJ” also exchanged nude images. An interview with the second victim confirmed that he too had exchanged nude images with “LJ.”

Law enforcement was able to identify Simoneau as the individual who was posing as “LJ” as well as confirm his Framingham address. The investigation further determined that Simoneau was previously convicted in a Massachusetts state court of possession of child pornography and placed on probation.

During a search of Simoneau’s home on Aug. 4, 2016, 1,128 videos of child pornography and 712 photos of child pornography were discovered on Simoneau’s digital devices. Most of the child pornography in Simoneau’s collection had been sent to him by boys who believed they were sending nude and sexually suggestive material of themselves to a teenage girl. In total, Simoneau victimized approximately 150 boys.

Defendants in Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles

Identity Theft Scheme Agree to Plead Guilty

Five individuals have agreed to plead guilty in federal court in Boston for their roles in a scheme to produce false identification documents through the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV).

Evelyn Medina, 56, of Boston; Annette Gracia, 37, of Boston; Kimberly Jordan, 33, of Randolph; David Brimage, 46, of Boston; and Bivian Yohanny Brea, 41, of Boston, have agreed to plead guilty to one count of producing without lawful authority an identification document or a false identification document. At the time of their arrest, Medina, Gracia, Jordan, and Brimage were all employed as clerks at the Haymarket Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Angel Miguel Beltre Tejada, 32, a Dominican national illegally residing in Jamaica Plain, was charged in an Information with one count of aggravated identity theft. The defendants were arrested in August 2017.

In October 2015, law enforcement received an anonymous letter alleging that a corrupt RMV employee was providing Massachusetts identifications and drivers' licenses to individuals who were using false identifications. An investigation revealed that several Haymarket RMV clerks – Medina, Gracia, Jordan, and Brimage – were working with Brea and Tejada to fraudulently provide Massachusetts licenses and identification cards to illegal aliens for cash.

The scheme involved several steps. Tejada and Brea would obtain identification documents belonging to United States citizens in Puerto Rico and sell them to clients who were seeking legitimate identities in Massachusetts. These clients included illegal aliens, individuals who were previously

deported, and an individual who admitted to previously facing drug charges. Tejeda would receive several hundred dollars in cash each time he sold identification documents. Brea received up to \$2,700 per identity for her role in the scheme, which included helping clients obtain the documents and facilitating their acquisition of Massachusetts identity documents.

Typically, Brea and the client brought the stolen identities to the Haymarket RMV, where Medina, Gracia, Jordan, and/or Brimage would accept hundreds of dollars in cash to illegally issue authentic RMV documents, including Massachusetts licenses and ID cards. The clerks also accepted bribes to use the RMV's system to run queries, including Social Security number audits, to confirm that the identities the clients were stealing actually belonged to verifiable individuals.

If the Court accepts the binding plea agreements for the clerks, Medina will be sentenced to 15 months in prison; Gracia to one year and one day in prison; Jordan to eight months in prison; and Brimage to eight months in prison. They all face two years of supervised release. Brea, who has entered a non-binding plea agreement, faces a sentence of no greater than 15 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. The charge of aggravated identity theft for which Tejeda is charged provides for a mandatory minimum of two years in prison. Tejeda will also be subject to deportation proceedings upon completion of any sentence imposed. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Massachusetts Most Wanted Fugitive Captured in Sacramento

DANIEL J. CHRISTIAN, 31, who was added to the Massachusetts State Police Most Wanted List on Wednesday, was located and arrested this afternoon in Sacramento, California.

The arrest followed an exhaustive investigation by the MSP Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section, whose troopers developed information indicating that CHRISTIAN, who has a lengthy and violent criminal history, was at an address in Sacramento.

That information was forwarded to law enforcement authorities in California. At 4:30 pm today (EST), based on that information, members of the Sacramento Sheriff's Department's Major Crimes Division located and arrested CHRISTIAN.

CHRISTIAN, who is most recently wanted for shooting at two people in Gardner, Mass., is currently being held at the Sacramento County Jail and will be arraigned as a fugitive from justice pending his rendition.

CHRISTIAN will be returned to Massachusetts to face charges of assault with intent to murder, assault with a dangerous weapon, and illegal discharge of a firearm in connection with the Gardner incident, which occurred this last July 18. An investigation by Gardner Police indicated that CHRISTIAN, at the time a Gardner resident, followed two people in his vehicle, cut them off, and got out of the vehicle and fired multiple gunshots at them. The victims were not hit. CHRISTIAN fled the area and remained at large until his capture today.



MOST WANTED

DANIEL J. CHRISTIAN



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WANTED FOR:

Armed Assault to MURDER, Home Invasion,
Armed Robbery (5 cts) & Discharge Firearm

DOB:.....7/14/86
Height:.....6'6"
Weight:.....240 lbs.
Hair:.....Black
Eyes:.....Brown
Build:.....Muscular
Race:.....Black
FBI#.....960984CC0
AKAs:.....D.J.
Tattoos: "Tayla" & "12-12-03" on Left Side of Neck,
"Harmonee" on Right Forearm and
"Gabriela (with wings)" on Chest

Wanted by the Massachusetts State Police & Gardner Police Department

Daniel CHRISTIAN is wanted for his alleged role in a brazen daytime shooting near Wright and Pleasant Streets in Gardner, MA on July 18, 2017. Investigation by the Gardner Police Department revealed that two individuals were followed and then cut off by a vehicle being operated by CHRISTIAN. CHRISTIAN then emerged from the driver's seat and fired multiple rounds from a handgun. Five spent shell casings were recovered at the scene and the two victims were not hit. CHRISTIAN fled the area and has not been located. He has an extensive and violent criminal history which includes convictions for Home Invasion, Armed Robbery-Handgun (5 counts), Assault & Battery With a Dangerous Weapon-Handgun, Assault and Battery With a Dangerous Weapon-Utility Knife, Possession of Cocaine and Resisting Arrest. CHRISTIAN has a muscular build and was last seen with a light beard. He has ties to Gardner, Fitchburg, Leominster, Lynn and Dorchester. The firearm from the shooting has not been recovered and CHRISTIAN should be considered Armed and Dangerous.

Massachusetts State Police: Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section
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