

Boston Police seek help identifying underwear-masked bandit in alleged armed robbery

“BPD Community Alert: Detectives Assigned To District A-1/A-15 Seek The Public’s Help To Identify The Following Individual In Relation To An Armed Robbery In Charlestown”

Detectives assigned to District A-1/A-15 (Downtown/Charlestown) are seeking the public’s assistance to identify the pictured individual involved in an armed robbery (knife) incident that occurred at about 8:47 PM on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, in the area of 285 Main Street. The suspect is described as a white male with tattoos on his right forearm, wearing a blue t-shirt, gray running pants with dark stripes, and black sneakers.



The Boston Police Department is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding these incidents. Anyone with information is strongly urged to contact District A-1/A-15 Detectives at (617) 343-4571.

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.



VIDEO: Former Weymouth Police Officer Sentenced for Assaulting a Man During an Arrest

A former Weymouth Police officer was sentenced today for assaulting a man in custody by punching the victim multiple times without legal justification.

Massachusetts officer who punched a handcuffed man 13 times in the face gets 2 years supervised release, with the first 6

months under house arrest pic.twitter.com/iRmtgVvFCE

– Insane Reality Leaks (@InsaneRealitys) July 18, 2024

Justin Chappell, 43, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Allison D. Burroughs to two years' supervised release, with the first six months to be served in home confinement. Chappell was also ordered to complete 40 hours of community service per year of supervised release, for a total of 80 hours. In April 2024, Chappell pleaded guilty to one count of deprivation of rights under color of law.

On July 2, 2022, Chappell was a police officer for the Weymouth Police Department. While on duty, he responded to a call regarding an allegedly intoxicated man causing a disturbance at a home in Weymouth. Chappell placed the man under arrest, and while attempting to put the man in the police cruiser, Chappell punched the man approximately 13 times with a closed fist without legal justification. The punches caused obvious pain and visible injuries to the man's head.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy and Jodi Cohen, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division made the announcement today. Valuable assistance was provided by the Weymouth Police Department and the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Torey B. Cummings and Neil J. Gallagher Jr. of the Criminal Division prosecuted the case.

37-year-old New Bedford cocaine trafficker sentenced to prison

"A 37-year-old New Bedford cocaine trafficker arrested while also in possession of an illegal gun was sentenced this week to serve eight to 10 years in state prison, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Johan Baez pleaded guilty in Fall River Superior Court to indictments charging him with trafficking cocaine, carrying an illegal firearm-subsequent offense, possession of a high capacity feeding device, possession of ammunition and possession with intent to distribute marijuana.

The defendant and his apartment, 336 Purchase Street New Bedford, were the targets of an August 2021 search warrant for drugs. When police executed the search warrant, they found a kilogram of cocaine. Police then recovered a high-capacity magazine containing 12 rounds (13 max) and \$3,800 in the defendant's bedroom.

Inside the defendant's vehicle, police seized a pound of marijuana, several THC vape pens, a 40 caliber handgun and a second loaded magazine.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Russ Eonas and the state prison sentence was imposed by Judge Sharon Donatelle.

"The defendant was in possession of a large amount of drugs and a firearm, which is a very dangerous combination. Based on his record, a substantial state prison sentence was warranted," District Attorney Quinn said."-Bristol County District Attorney's Office.

New Bedford man sentenced for rape of 3-year-old, attacking mother

“A 31-year-old New Bedford man was convicted last week by a jury of his peers of raping a 3-year-old girl and was sentenced to serve 20 to 25 years in state prison, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Allen Beckwith was convicted after a jury trial in Fall River Superior Court of Aggravated Rape of a Child, Domestic Assault and Battery and Witness Intimidation.

During trial it was proven that on November 27, 2021 the rape victim’s mother walked in on her boyfriend (the defendant) engaging in oral sex with the young girl at a New Bedford apartment they shared. When asked what happened, the toddler immediately told her mother what the defendant had done to her.

The mother attempted to call 911, but was attacked by the defendant in an effort to get the phone away from her.

The trial was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Lopes and Jennifer Schmidt. The state prison sentence was imposed by Judge Susan Sullivan.

“The defendant engaged in despicable conduct by raping a defenseless little girl. At the time he committed this abhorrent act he was on probation for setting fire to industrial material in Barnstable. This defendant clearly is a danger to the community and does not seem to be someone who is capable of being rehabilitated. The defendant even continued

to threaten the victim and her mother after the court sentenced him," District Attorney Quinn said."-Bristol County District Attorney's Office.

New Bedford Police arrest Brockton fugitive on firearm, narcotics charges

"New Bedford, MA – Narcotics detectives have taken a wanted male into custody and seized an illegal firearm and narcotics in the process.

On the evening of July 17th, narcotics detectives who were monitoring suspected drug activity conducted a traffic stop near the County Street/Cedar Grove intersection. The vehicle's driver was identified as ERMIRIO ROSA, 23, of Brockton.

Upon further investigation, it was discovered the ROSA was in possession of a 9mm Ruger handgun loaded with 17 rounds of ammunition, which he was keeping in a fanny pack. ROSA was also found to be in possession of 25 grams of "crack" cocaine, 65 grams of fentanyl, 50 tablets of Adderall, and \$1050 in cash. This money was later seized due to the nature of his charges.

In addition, ROSA was found to have three active warrants for his arrest: One for drug and firearm charges out of Brockton District Court, one for heroin trafficking out of Bristol County Superior Court, and one for traffic offenses out of Fall River District Court. He already has a previous conviction for possessing class A substance with intent to distribute out of Taunton District Court, which could enhance

penalties for additional cases.

Det. Emily Pacheco was the arresting officer.

If you have any information you would like to provide to police, you can do so anonymously by either calling 508-99-CRIME or submitting a tip on our website, <https://www.newbedfordpd.com/report/>."-City of New Bedford Police Department.



Massachusetts woman charged with mayhem, assault to murder, after throat slashing

On Monday, the Milford Police Department and EMS received 911 calls for an incident on Purchase Street. Arriving responders found an adult male victim on the ground suffering from a slash wound to the face and neck.

There were no other people on scene so police began to search the area for the alleged perpetrator.

The victim was transported to UMass Memorial Hospital in Worcester via medical helicopter where he is in serious but stable condition.



The following day police made a traffic stop for which the Milford Police released an official statement:

“At approximately 3:58PM, members of the Milford Police

Detective Bureau enacted a motor vehicle stop in vicinity of the Sumner and Dilla St. intersection.

The stop resulted in the arrest of SANDY VILLEDIA MARTINEZ, 35, of Milford, MA for the assault and stabbing that took place on July 15th, 2024, on Purchase St. in our town. The suspect has been held without bail on charges including mayhem, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault to murder, and obstruction of justice.”



Massachusetts man sentenced for robberies where victims

were beaten, dragged, duct-taped

At the time of the robberies, defendant was wearing a court-ordered ankle bracelet with GPS monitoring.

“BOSTON – A Burlington, Mass. man was sentenced today in Boston federal court for his role in the armed robberies of multiple businesses in which he and two others beat, dragged and duct-taped victims.

Alfeu Barbosa, 26, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Nathaniel M. Gorton to 121 months in prison and three years of supervised release. In March 2024, a federal jury convicted Barbosa of two counts of robbery affecting commerce. Barbosa was arrested and charged in June 2022. His co-defendants, Li Wen Tang and Jonas Nunez, were later arrested and charged in August and September 2022.

On June 12, 2022 at approximately 8:51 p.m., Tang entered the Balance Reflexology Spa in Brookline pretending to be a customer seeking a massage. Because the victim was the only employee in the spa that night, she locked the door before taking Tang into the back room to begin the massage.

Tang asked the victim if there was anyone else in the spa and that if there was, he would like to see them. Almost immediately after the massage had begun, Tang claimed that he no longer wanted a massage because his stomach was upset and demanded a refund. The victim employee stated she had to call her boss to approve the refund. While the victim employee was on the phone in the lobby, Tang unlocked the front door and two masked men – later identified as Barbosa and Nunez – entered the business carrying firearms.

One of the men hit the victim employee in the face, knocking her to the floor and put a gun to her head. Barbosa and Nunez

then pulled the victim by her hair into the back hallway where they instructed her to be quiet. They proceeded to bind the victim's wrists and ankles with duct tape and gag her. Barbosa and Nunez repeatedly yelled at the victim asking, "Where is the money?"

The men ransacked the spa for roughly three minutes before locating and stealing approximately \$500 along with the victim employee's cell phone and then exiting. Surveillance footage revealed that all three men had arrived in the same vehicle parked nearby, which they drove away in together following the robbery.

Later that evening, at approximately 10:19 p.m. on June 12, 2022, Barbosa, Nunez and an associate of Barbosa committed a similar robbery of May's Spa Massage in Stoneham. Specifically, they entered the business wearing masks and firearms and duct-taped several victims who were in the spa at the time. In addition to stealing approximately \$600 in cash from the business and victims, Barbosa, Nunez and Barbosa's associate took three cell phones belonging to three of the female victims present during the robbery, as well as a victim's license, gift cards and credit and debit cards before leaving in the same vehicle.

At the time of the robberies, Barbosa was wearing a court-ordered ankle bracelet with GPS monitoring due to a suspended sentence for multiple prior convictions in Middlesex Superior Court of armed robbery and assault and battery for robbing the De Onzen Spa in Waltham in July 2021. During that robbery, Barbosa threatened employees and patrons at knifepoint, stole their phones and punched one victim in the face causing an orbital fracture. Barbosa was subsequently charged in the state for assault and battery and sentenced in April 2022 to two and a half years in prison. That sentence was suspended for three years.

Also at the time of the offenses, Barbosa was on pretrial

release in Suffolk Superior Court for charges of breaking and entering in the daytime with the intent to commit a felony and larceny from a building.

Nunez pleaded guilty in January 2024 and, on April 18, 2024, was sentenced to 23 months in prison to be followed by three years of supervised release. Tang pleaded guilty on April 3, 2024 and is scheduled to be sentenced on Aug. 9, 2024.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy and Jodi Cohen, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division made the announcement today. Valuable assistance was provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New York; the Massachusetts State Police; and the Brookline, Stoneham, Boston, Wakefield and New York City Police Departments. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Luke A. Goldworm and Robert E. Richardson of the Major Crimes Unit are prosecuting the case. “-Massachusetts Department of Justice.

New Bedford Police make arrest following series of B&Es in trucks

“New Bedford, MA – Major Crime Detectives have concluded an investigation into repeated thefts from commercial trucks here in the City.

DANIEL PEDRO, 47, of 1669 Acushnet Ave., has been arrested concerning a series of vehicle breaks during which tens of thousands of dollars’ worth of tools and air compressors were stolen. All of these incidents occurred late at night/early morning hours, and entry was gained by breaking windows.

PEDRO was taken into custody on July 10th after detectives stopped him. At the time of his arrest, numerous tools, including a Husky Air compressor, Milwaukee toolbox, and Rigid Shop Vac were located in the rear of his truck.



As a result of this investigation into his activities, PEDRO is now charged with:

- Twelve counts of breaking and entering into a vehicle/or boat
- Eight counts of Larceny over \$1,200
- Larceny of a motor vehicle
- Receiving stolen property greater than \$1,200
- Operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked license

Detective Matthew Sylvia was the lead investigator, and more charges may follow.

PEDRO has an extensive criminal history with 120 adult arraignments on his record. Although 47 of those cases were dismissed, he has numerous convictions for a variety of offenses, including 13 charges of breaking and entering.

PEDRO was held on \$30,000 bail and is currently in the custody of the Bristol County Sheriff's Department.

"With such an extensive history of victimizing hard-working citizens, it appears as though incarceration is the only option for this career criminal. My thanks to the court for setting a \$30k bail, and to DA Tom Quinn's Office for their continued diligence as they proceed forward with this case," said Chief Paul Oliveira. "I'd also like to acknowledge the hard work of Det. Matthew Sylvia and our Detective Division."

Have you had tools or similar equipment stolen from your vehicle recently? If so, detectives would like to hear from you – perhaps we have recovered them. Contact our detective division at (508) 991-6300 and speak with Det. Matthew Sylvia at extension #79531."-City of New Bedford Police Department.

Multiple mopeds seized after moped/motorcycle enforcement in Boston

“At about 5:17 PM on Monday July 15th, 2024, Officers assigned to District A-1 (Downtown) conducted moped/motorcycle enforcement near the intersection of Franklin St. and Washington St, Downtown Boston. Officers were on a directed foot-patrol to stop all motorcycles and/or mopeds operating in the pedestrian zone of Washington St. where no vehicles are authorized to travel in.

During their directed patrol, Officers issued multiple verbal warnings, Mass Uniform Citations, and a summons to one operator for various motor vehicle law infractions. In total, Officers seized 9 mopeds for various motor vehicle law violations.

The Boston Police Department would like to remind everyone that vehicles are strictly prohibited in the Downtown Crossing pedestrian zone. This area is designated for pedestrian use only to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all visitors.

Additional pedestrian zones in downtown are located at the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway, Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall.”-Boston Police Department.

New Bedford Police arrest man

with gun; charged with South-End shooting

“New Bedford, MA – After arresting a man with an illegal firearm, detectives now have enough to charge him with this month’s Roosevelt Street shooting.

On July 10th, narcotics detectives were conducting surveillance in the area of Nye Street and Acushnet Avenue when they observed a group of males congregating and drinking alcohol in public. When detectives approached them, it was learned that one male had discarded a cross-body bag he had been wearing.

Within this bag was a magazine containing ten rounds of 9mm ammunition. A short distance away, detectives located a loaded Smith & Wesson handgun, which was later found to have been stolen out of Taunton. The suspect, JOSE MENDEZ-GARCIA, 33, of 129 Bluefield St., was placed into custody. He was charged with possession of an open container of alcohol, carrying a loaded large-capacity firearm without a license, and receiving stolen property. The arresting officer was Det. George Coto.

In the days that followed, Detective Jordan Dasilva concluded his investigation into a shooting that took place on July 5th outside of 12 Roosevelt St. During this incident, an adult male victim was transported to St. Luke’s hospital after being injured by gunfire. Det. Dasilva has identified MENDEZ-GARCIA as the suspect and has brought charges against him for that incident.

In addition to the charges stemming from the firearm seizure in the north end, MENDEZ-GARCIA is now also charged with assault and battery by discharge of a firearm, discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building, and additional serious charges.

MENDEZ has three prior guilty convictions for violent/drug offenses and was additionally charged with a firearm violation with three prior violent/drug crimes.

“This is strong work from the Detective Division on two occasions with the same suspect. First, they took the suspect into custody, and an illegal firearm was taken off the street. Next, they built a case that implicated the suspect in a shooting incident during which a victim was seriously injured. It’s clear to me that a dangerous individual is in custody right now due to their diligence, and the city is a safer place today because of it. I’m very proud of all the men and women in this department,” said Chief Paul Oliveira.

If you have any information you would like to share with the NBPD, you can do so anonymously by visiting our website and submitting a tip or by calling 508-99-CRIME.”-City of New Bedford Police Department.