

# After New Bedford woman gets scammed she offers warning about apartment rental scam

*New Bedford Guide has been receiving daily complaints about a variety of rental scams going on in the city and on Facebook's marketplace. The scammer uses pictures showing an enticing interior and a price that is below market value – something anyone would leap at if it was genuine.*

Unfortunately, it's too good to be true. In all likelihood, they are hoping you will show up so they can rob you and/or steal your car.

While we show here part of the conversation between the victim and the crook, by law we cannot show the individual's face because he has not officially been charged with a crime.


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"I think it's important to let people know there are lots of scams going on in New Bedford's marketplace apartment rental section.

I have pictures of a house for rent including the conversation with the supposed homeowner. Come to find out this man has no connection to this house at all and it's occupied!

The fake owner was assuming that I would come alone and probably planned to rob me.

I made a report with the police department. They had me come in, sit down, and show them everything. I appreciate you warning the public I just don't want to see anyone get hurt or scammed."

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Marketplace listing  
SOLD - 2 Beds 1 Bath -

Review seller

More options

Hello, is this still available?



Yes, are you still interested?


Hi I am interested in your  
Appartement it would be me. , my  
husband of 30 years & our 18 yr  
son he work's & graduate high  
school this year, We all work I work  
for the women's center my



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Facebook photo.

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Marketplace listing  
SOLD - 2 Beds 1 Bath -

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to see the place I have Today & tomorrow off of work. Would it be possible to check out the apartment tomorrow?



Yes

ok great would sometime tomorrow morning work with you?




Nice



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Facebook photo.

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Marketplace listing

SOLD - 2 Beds 1 Bath -

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to see the place I have Today & tomorrow off of work. Would it be possible to check out the apartment tomorrow?



Yes

ok great would sometime tomorrow morning work with you?



Miss

Facebook photo.

## Description

Sassaquin Pond - Bright, newly-renovated 2-bedroom, 1-bath home including new kitchen, renovated bathroom, new appliances (stove & refrigerator), new flooring, fresh paint, lots of off-street parking, dealeded and a beautiful, large yard. Ceiling fans in all rooms.

Studio, 2bds, 1ba ,900qft

Address: 50 Lark St, New Bedford, MA 02745

Rent : \$1000

Deposit: \$600

Application fee: \$80

Text: [hidden information]

Date available: 13/ March/ 2023

Lease length : 1 year

Laundry type : in- unit laundry

Parking type : Garage parking

Air conditioning: Ac Available

Heating type : central heating

Cat friendly: 

*Facebook photo.*

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# **New Hampshire Police seek public's help finding New Bedford wanted for nationwide warrant**

"I am a police officer with Concord Police in Concord, NH.

The female attached in these images is Rebecca Motta. She is a resident of New Bedford, MA. My agency has an active nationwide extraditable warrant for Rebecca for committing the crime of "Organized Retail Crime Enterprise," which is a B Felony. Other agencies also have warrants for Rebecca for other theft related offenses.

Rebecca and an accomplice (who we already arrested) stole thousands of dollars of alcohol from various NH Wine and Liquor Outlets throughout NH. Rebecca is aware she has a warrant and has since absconded. She continues to steal alcohol in our state.

Would your administrators be able to post an article on your Facebook page seeking the citizens of New Bedford's assistance in telling us Rebecca's current whereabouts? If so, feel free to describe the circumstances I mentioned above, including the attached photos and her full name, and direct citizens to provide any tips on her current whereabouts to our NH Concord Regional Crimeline by either visiting our site at <https://www.p3tips.com/tipform.aspx?ID=234> or by calling (603) 225-8600. NH CrimeLine offers monetary rewards for any information that can help lead to an arrest.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Respectfully,

Jason S. Garrahan  
Patrol Officer, Badge #76  
603.225.8600 extension 8697

Concord Police Department  
35 Green Street  
Concord, NH 03301



*Concord Police Department photo.*

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# **New Bedford mom frustrated with bullying of daughter for 4 years, lack of help from schools**

"I want to give you a summary of what happened at Gómez School. My daughter is suffering from bullying by another girl since the third grade. She has ADHD, IPE, and a little bit of autism.

Now the kids are at Roosevelt School and the same bully is continuing to bully my daughter. It has now been going on for 4 years. My daughter experiences bullying every time she is at school and the bully has convinced her girlfriends to bully my daughter too. If she defends herself, they suspend her from school.

I've looked for help so that they can take that bully out of school and put her in another school. My daughter is tired of bullying and I, as a mother, am afraid that my daughter will take her life because of the bullying.

I want to know how you can help me make this public so that you can help me. My daughter is 13 years old now."-Daniela Quiñones.





*Facebook photo.*

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“Todo empezó en la escuela Gómez en el grado 3.

Quiero darle un resumen de los que está pasando desde la Gómez school mi niña está sufriendo el bullying con otra niña ahora están en la Roosevelt school y siguen con el mismo bullying con mi hija ya son 4 años mi niña viviendo el bullying cada vez que ella se defiende me la suspenden de la escuela eh buscado ayuda para que saquen a esa niña de la escuela y la pongan en otra escuela ya mi niña está cansada del bullying y el miedo mío como madre que soy que mi niña se quite la vida por el bullying que le tienen a ella quiero saber cómo ustedes me pueden ayudar hacer esto público para que me ayuden mi hija tiene 13 años de edad ella tiene ADHD IPE y un poquito de autismo.. y ella usa a otras niñas también para que le agan el bullying a mi niña también.”



*Daniela Quiñones photo.*

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## **Association addresses poop problem by irresponsible dog owners in Massachusetts**

“On the South Shore alone, we have more than 16,000 registered dogs from Weymouth to Kingston. According to the Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA), the average dog produces approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  pound of waste per day. If you do the math, that's more than 12,000 pounds of poop per day and 4.5 million pounds of poop per year – just on the South Shore... And that's not even including cats!

### **WHY IS DOG POOP SUCH A PROBLEM?**

Scooping the poop is not just about the mess – it's about clean water and the health of our community:

- Leaving behind pet waste is unhealthy for people, other animals and the environment. It is a breeding ground for infection. It is raw sewage with twice as much bacteria as human waste.
- A 40-pound dog produces 7.8 billion fecal coliform bacteria per day.
- Pet waste left on the side of the road or in the woods releases bacteria that can end up in our water supply where humans and other animals can be exposed.
- Giardia, Salmonella, and Campylobacter are just some of the diseases that can be transferred to humans from pet waste.

The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has also confirmed that pet waste can spread parasites including salmonella, tapeworms, roundworms and hookworms...

Help us keep the South Shore clean and scoop the poop!"-North and South Rivers Watershed Association.

# Scoop it!



## **Scoop the Poop - Whenever and Wherever**

...even in your own yard,  
...even in the woods or remote locations,  
...even in the snow,  
...even if you have a small dog.

- **Always bring bags**  
Be prepared, bring more than one.
- **Always put filled bags in trash cans - never in recycling bins!**  
Even bio-degradable bags.
- **Never put dog waste into a storm drain!**  
Storm drains flow directly into our local waters - they are not connected to the sanitary sewer.
- **Never leave bags of poop**  
by the side of the road, in bushes, or lying around.

**Scooping Poop is not just about  
the mess — it's about  
clean water and our health!**

Be **WaterSMART** 

WaterSmartSouthShore.org • nsrwa.org

*North and South Rivers Watershed Association photo.*

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## **Family seeks public's help finding missing homeless New Bedford man**

"We have been looking for my father for a few months now. He is homeless and has a lot of medical issues! We've filed a police report.

Can you please post His name is Emilio Rivera and he is 73 years old. My name is Vanessa Murchison. If there is any info on my dad please call the New Bedford Police Department at (508) 991-6300 or text me at 508-817-7799."



*Vanessa Murchison photo.*



*Vanessa Murchison photo.*

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## **New Bedford woman seeks help locating her 47-year old father who has gone missing**

“My dad has gone missing after leaving a rehabilitation center in Brockton. We live in New Bedford. He doesn’t own a car, so

may have gotten a ride from someone.

He is 47-years old, 5'5" and about 120lbs.

If you see him please call or text me at 508-509-9069. Please and thank you ?!"-Pacheco Carolina.



*Carolina Pacheco photo.*

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# Meet Kita, the Lighthouse Animal Shelter Pet of The Week!

Can you help find this deserving love-bug a new forever home? Thank you to **NEW LEAF** of Fall River for sponsoring our pet of the week!

Here are some facts about the new potential addition to your family~

Kita ? 1 year old, 35 lb. female mixed breed. She is underweight at this time, so she will weigh more.

Kita is confident, social, and has never met a stranger! When you come visit her, she will want to say hello right away and will offer many kisses. Are her manners top notch? Honestly, nope ? But she's working on it and learns quickly!



Kita knows how to sit and we're working on down. She is very food motivated and eager to please. Kita has excellent leash manners and is ready for all of your outdoorsy adventures.

Kita likes other dogs but she is a rough player so her best playmates would be dogs similar in size to her or larger. She has not met cats but can be tested for applicants.

**Adopt:** [www.lighthouseanimalshelter.org/adopt](http://www.lighthouseanimalshelter.org/adopt)

**Foster:** [www.lighthouseanimalshelter.org/foster](http://www.lighthouseanimalshelter.org/foster)

Thank you once again to **NEW LEAF** of Fall River, located at 2629 South Main st. and **OPEN LATE** until 11pm every day! Follow them on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/NewLeafCanna>



Visit them online: <https://www.newleafcanna.com/>

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## **Massachusetts police joint operation cracks down on dirt bikes, ATVs on public streets**

“A joint operation yesterday targeting illegal operation of dirt bikes and ATVs on Lawrence streets resulted in seven arrests, 10 other persons being summonsed to face criminal charges, and the seizure of nearly 20 vehicles.

The operation of off-road vehicles on city streets, often driven recklessly, causes a significant safety threat to motorists and pedestrians. Complaints of dirt bike and ATV operation on Lawrence streets have increased in recent years.

Operating an off-road vehicle on a public way is a violation of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 90B, Section 25.



*Massachusetts State Police photo.*

Yesterday's operation was conducted by Lawrence Police, the Massachusetts State Police, Methuen Police, Andover Police, North Andover Police, Massachusetts Environmental Police, and the Essex County Sheriff's Department. Massachusetts State Police Troop A patrols as well as MSP investigative units, including the Gang Unit, participated in the operation.

Among the assets assisting in the operation was the Massachusetts State Police Air Wing. The flight crew of MSP helicopter Air 2 assisted in spotting several off-road vehicles being operated unlawfully on city streets. Using the helicopter's Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) and color cameras, MSP Air 2 was able to provide continuous updates on their locations to ground units. Many times, the operators of the dirt bikes were driving throughout the city at high speeds

and with no regard for traffic laws.



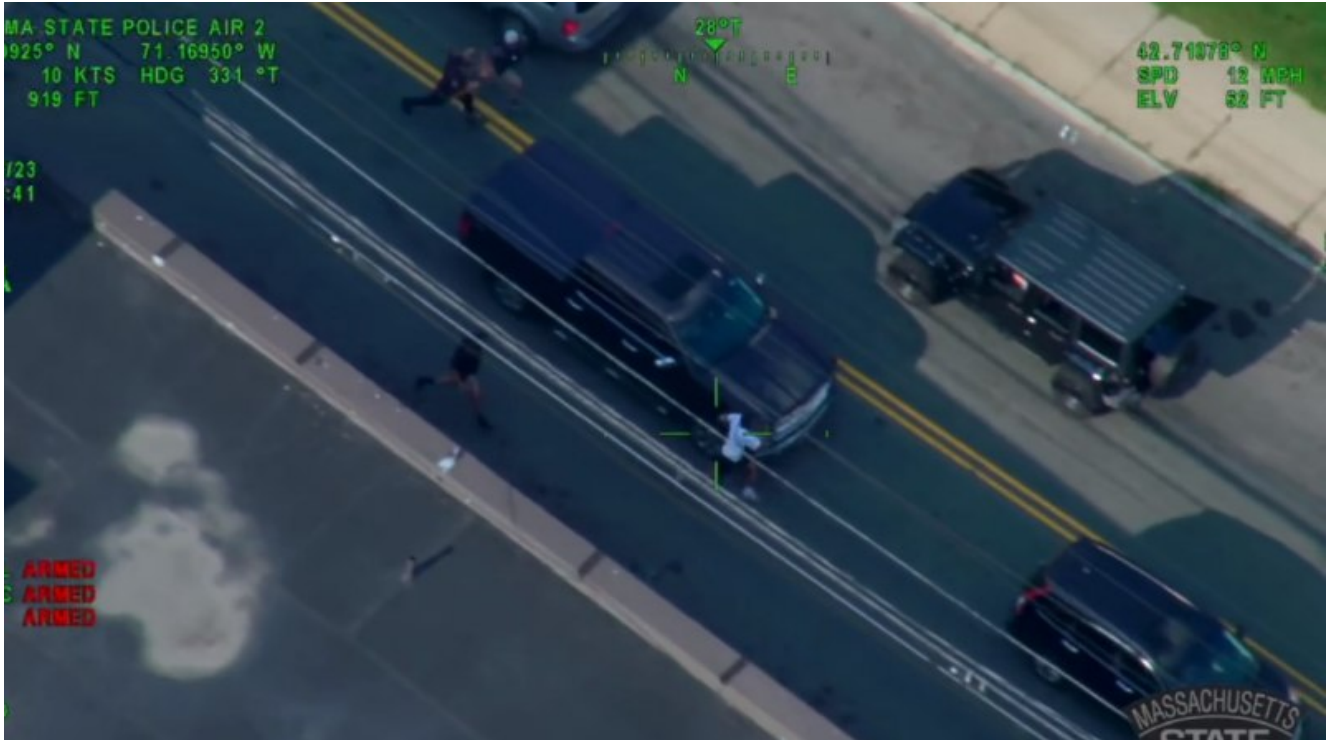
*Massachusetts State Police photo.*

After fleeing MSP and local police ground units, some operators tried to conceal their vehicles at locations off the roadway. Other operators abandoned their bikes and fled on foot. Using the helicopter's mapping system, the MSP flight crew provided location information allowing responding cruisers to uncover and seize these vehicles and locate the operators.\

The operation resulted in the seizure of 18 off-road vehicles, arrests of seven suspects for various offenses including unlicensed operation, reckless operation, and receiving a stolen motor vehicle, and the issuance of 10 criminal summons and 50 citations. One stolen car was also located and seized. Some of the seized bikes are suspected of having been previously stolen.

Earlier this week, while assisting in patrols related to off-road vehicle complaints in Lawrence, and MSP Gang Unit Trooper was injured when he was assaulted by a male suspect. The male was arrested for assault and battery on a police officer.

Yesterday's operation follows similar successful enforcement efforts by MSP and local police in Springfield and Lawrence in 2021 and in Brockton in 2023."-Massachusetts State Police.



Massachusetts State Police photo.



*Massachusetts State Police photo.*

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**New Bedford's first-responders to compete in first annual "Heroes Cup" softball tournament**



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Come cheer on New Bedford's First Responders in the City's first annual "Heroes Cup" softball tournament!

Sunday September 10th  
10:00am

Brooklawn Park softball diamonds



**50/50  
RAFFLE**



**FOOD**

**&  
more!**

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**Police make arrest after New Bedford woman hides in room and texts 911 while house was**

# being robbed

NEW BEDFORD – New Bedford patrol officers placed three suspects under arrest for a housebreak in the city's south end yesterday morning.

On Thursday, September 7th, at around 11 AM, south-end patrol officers responded to a break-in-progress at a residence on Brock Ave. A young woman was alone in the house when she observed an unknown male attempting to enter through a first-floor window.

The woman locked herself in a room and immediately placed a call to 911 as she heard the man making his way upstairs. She then heard movement in the rooms next to her. At one point, one of the suspects attempted to turn the doorknob of the room she was hiding in.

Frightened, and doing her best to remain extremely quiet, the woman spoke too softly to be understood over the phone. It was then that Dispatcher Acacia Reyes instructed her to text 911 instead. Through texting, the victim was able to provide pertinent information to our communications center as she heard what sounded to be a suspect leaving by the front door.

Patrol officers then arrived on the scene and conducted a search of the house to ensure it was safe.

At this time, Animal Control Officers Emanuel Maciel and Shelley Avila-Martins were in the area and observed two males, dressed in black clothing, carrying a large duffel bag to an awaiting vehicle. ACO Maciel notified the patrol units of their observations and followed the vehicle as it left the area.

The vehicle was then stopped by officers in the area of the Cove St./Roosevelt St. intersection.



The vehicle was being operated by a female later identified as Ms. ELISA MORALES, 32, of New York City. The two males were identified as Mr. STEVENS DIAZ-RODRIGUEZ, 30, of New York City, and Mr. EDWIN GONZALEZ, of College Point NY.

A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of numerous items that came from the victim's address as well as several tools that can be used for burglary. All three parties were placed under arrest.

EDWIN GONZALEZ and STEVENS DIAZ-RODRIGUEZ were both charged with breaking and entering in the daytime for the purpose of committing a felony while placing a person in fear. ELISA MORALES is charged with being an accessory after the fact, and unlicensed operation of an unregistered motor vehicle.

"This is an excellent example of how people with different roles, on the same team, can come together and do their part to bring suspects into custody. From the dispatcher who had the presence of mind to instruct the victim, to the Animal Control Officers who were in the area and keenly observant, to the police officers who secured the residence and safely took the suspects into custody...everyone played a critical role. A job well done by all."

-Chief Paul Oliveira

The arresting officer was Ofc. Hector Rivera,

Were you aware that you can contact 911 via text? This is a scenario in which that feature was extremely helpful. If you need help but are in a situation where you want to remain as quiet as possible, simply text 911, and our communications center will receive your message and send assistance.