

New Bedford suspect pleads 'Not Guilty' in Myles Standish shooting murder

Plymouth County District Attorney Tim Cruz sent out a press release following the arraignment of John Geovanni Pires Monteiro Macedo facing one count of murder in Plymouth District Court.

Man held without bail for Plymouth forest homicide:

PLYMOUTH – A man pleaded not guilty and was held without bail for fatally shooting a man in Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Today, in Plymouth District Court, John Geovanni Pires Monteiro Macedo, 20, pleaded not guilty to one count of Murder, and was held without bail for the shooting death of Robert Aponte-Flores, 25, of New Bedford.

On July 12, at approximately 2:40 p.m., Plymouth Police received several 911 calls for a report of a shooting at Myles Standish State Forest in Plymouth and a man suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Upon arrival, Plymouth Police and first responders located the male victim, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to his face, left trice, and right collarbone. The victim was transported to Beth Israel Deaconess-Plymouth Hospital where he was pronounced dead of his injuries, and identified as Aponte-Flores.

Plymouth Police contacted Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and an investigation commenced. Multiple witnesses on scene described that an altercation took place in a picnic area of the park between the victim and Macedo, prior to the shooting.

As a result, Massachusetts State Police sought and obtained an arrest warrant for Macedo on July 13.

At approximately 3:55 p.m. this past Saturday, the Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section located and arrested Macedo without incident, at an apartment in New Bedford.

Macedo is next scheduled to appear in court on October 5, 2023. The investigation remains ongoing.

New Bedford, Massachusetts State Police investigating unattended death in Knuckleheads parking lot

“New Bedford Police and Massachusetts State Police detectives assigned to the district attorney’s office are investigating an unattended death, which occurred in the parking lot of Knuckleheads Sports Bar and Grill on MacArthur Drive last night.

Shortly before 7 pm Monday, New Bedford Police received multiple 911 calls reporting that a male had been struck by a vehicle in the parking lot. The victim, who was later identified as John Blomgren, 36, of Fairhaven, was transported to Saint Luke’s Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

The driver of the vehicle involved in the incident is a 56-year-old Dartmouth man. He remained on scene and rendered aid to the victim before paramedics arrived.

The investigation into the incident is ongoing. No criminal charges have been filed.”-Bristol County District Attorney’s Office.



Carlos Pimental Felix photo.



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Video by Carlos Pimental Felix:

New Bedford Police Department to host final community pop up event of the summer!

The New Bedford Police Department will be hosting its final community outreach event of the summer this Thursday, August 10th. It will take place at Riverside Park (297 Belleville Ave) from 12pm-2pm.

This family friendly event will have many resource tables set up with FREE giveaways! Most of the agency partners in attendance make up our city's Community Crisis Intervention Team (CCIT).

Just to name a few, representatives from New Bedford Public Health, New Bedford School Dept, New Bedford Housing, behavioral health groups, Harm Reduction coaches, several Church groups, and the Department of Mental Health will be present.

You'll be able to take a photo in the award winning New Bedford Police Department custom cars and meet McGruff the Crime Dog at this final summer pop up event!

AUGUST 10, 2023 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

NBPD Pop Up Event

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**FAMILY FRIENDLY
EVENT!**

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**If you have any
questions please
call the number
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508.991.6300
ext. 79416**

RIVERSIDE PARK

297 BELLEVILLE AVE
www.newbedfordpd.com
August 10, 2023
Noon to 2:00 PM

New Bedford Police Department photo.

“OPINION: “Donald Trump will never see the inside of a prison cell!”

The following is an opinion sent to New Bedford Guide. It does not necessarily reflect the opinion of New Bedford Guide, nor is it an OP-ED. In fairness and objectivity, we share opinions from our readers whether we agree or disagree with their opinion.

Often people do not want their last names used or they prefer anonymity. The reason for this is that in this day and age of social media, people will insult and ridicule people, their spouses and children and even try to get people fired or their businesses boycotted. In extreme cases, threats are made and based on a person's profile, enough information is gathered to figure out where people live, work, eat, or play.

Do you have a counter opinion to this opinion? Have an opinion about something else? Email us at info@newbedfordguide.com.

“No matter the timing of additional criminal indictments against Trump, or trials , that may result in convictions, Donald Trump will never spend more than a few hours in a cell.

If the most provable and consequential federal law violations are the basis of convictions and he is sentenced to jail he will evade incarceration by appealing all sentences until they reach the Supreme Court.

As long as Trump finds willing attorneys to represent him and he can use each indictment, conviction and appeal to generate donations from his never deterred supporters to cover all his court costs, the trials and hearings will continue

indefinitely.

Like PBS serials there will be season after season episodes: his fate always in a threatened position but always rescued by unforeseen circumstances. His celebrity and notoriety will always be at the top of the news' cycles.

Should he win a second term his presidency will forestall all criminal legal matters, not having been litigated, and he will pardon himself of all convictions. Not having to rely on the generosity of his supporters he will now have all the necessary resources, willing appointees and legislators to mount the most vindictive crusade against every person who may have criticized him, voted for his impeachment or was associated with Biden, Clinton, and Obama.

He will find receptive prosecutors and judges to penalize the very people he accused of weaponizing the judicial systems.

Trump will also, as promised, pardon all those convicted of crimes for the January 6th insurrection. Having a willing cadre of insurrectionists, and new recruits, will act as a warning for the outcome of future elections."-Betty Ussach, Dartmouth.

Bishop Stang taps Fairhaven native Jacob Ashworth as new boys basketball head coach

"Bishop Stang High School is pleased to announce the appointment of Jacob Ashworth as the new Head Boys Basketball Coach.

Fairhaven native and current Assistant Coach at WPI, Coach Ashworth will bring experience as an outstanding player and coach to his new position. Having a standout career at Bourne High School and UMass Dartmouth, he was named All-Little East four times, achieved all-time leading scorer status at Bourne, and holds the title of all-time leading 3-point shooter at UMass Dartmouth. Ashworth helped lead the Corsairs to the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Sectionals in 2022.

"We are thrilled to welcome Jacob into the Spartan family by way of our Boys Basketball program. Jacob is a basketball lifer who has been a fixture in the South Coast athletic community for years. Achieving great team success at Bourne High School, UMass Dartmouth in college, and WPI as an assistant coach, he has been a key ingredient in the success of those programs, leaving behind an important legacy. Jacob is one of the finest leaders I have ever witnessed in an athletic setting, and that leadership will serve him well as he takes over this program.

His level of preparation, tenacity, and complete commitment really came through as we discussed the position. He has a tangible and exciting vision for the future of our program," commented Nate Greene, Athletic Director for Bishop Stang.

Coach Ashworth shared: "I am extremely excited to take over the head coaching position at Bishop Stang High School. I look forward to continuing the success that Bishop Stang has endured. I have always wanted to lead a team of my own, and to be able to become a head coach on the south coast is a dream come true.

The south coast is my home, and I look forward to leading the basketball program here at Bishop Stang. I would like to thank President Benson and Mr. Greene for the opportunity for which I am extremely grateful. Go Spartans!"-Bishop Stang High School .



Bishop Stang High School photo.

Union: Arbitrator Ruling a Victory for Massachusetts Troopers Over “Tyranny”

Sam Doran
State House News Service

The president of the State Police union took a victory lap Monday morning after an arbitrator ruled in favor of seven troopers who had remained on unpaid leave after claiming a religious exemption from mandated COVID-19 vaccination two years ago.

Against a backdrop of the State House with the governor's office over his shoulder, State Police Association of Massachusetts President Patrick McNamara celebrated a win over "tyranny" and what he termed "Charlie Baker's Draconian executive order" requiring vaccinations for executive branch employees. Gov. Maura Healey rescinded Baker's vaccination policy for most state employees in May.

"Many of these brave men and women standing with us today were found to have sincerely held religious beliefs that were not only violated by Baker, but treated with disdain, ridicule, and ultimately suspended without pay," McNamara said.

Independent arbitrator Bonnie McSpiritt ruled Friday that the Department of State Police violated anti-discrimination sections of the union members' contract "when it denied the religious exemption requests of the eight State Police Association of Massachusetts members who [the department] determined had [a sincerely held religious belief], but then asserted it could not accommodate them because of undue hardship."

Seven troopers – Paul Aten, Jessie Barbosa, Christopher Dolan, David Hanafin, Joseph Hanafin, Patrick Irwin, and Lance Reed – now have a two-week window to decide whether they want to return to work at the agency, where McSpiritt directed they are able to return to their previous positions and receive full back pay. The SPAM president said the seven were "still contemplating" their decision. An eighth officer covered by the case, Trooper First Class Luke Bonin, had already returned to work, according to the arbitration ruling. McSpiritt found he is also eligible for back pay from his suspension period.

McNamara cited the cases of 13 union members who were “terminated and labeled with a dishonorable discharge” related to the vaccine mandate and said the union’s efforts around the vaccine mandates are “far from finished.” Their separate arbitration case is coming up this fall, and attorney Leah Barrault said she was “confident” that “the outcome is going to be the same” for them. McNamara said “some” of the affected troopers were present at the press conference, but that under State Police policy they were not able to speak to the press.

Could New Bedford transform Kings Highway like Fall River’s South Coast Marketplace?

Kings Highway has been a hot button topic of discussion as of late, specifically the old “Newport Creamery” building which has been vacant for quite some time. A resident posted in the New Bedford Facebook group wondering why the building is still vacant after so many years.

“When will someone buy that former Newport Creamery on Kings Highway this is getting sickening! That building has been abandoned for centuries. It’s so freaking annoying looking at it.”

This sparked a debate that led to an even bigger question, what is the future of Kings Highway as a whole?



King's Highway Plaza. Steven Richard photo.

Surely, Kings Highway can not stay as it currently is now with its several vacant buildings, vastly empty parking lots, and dollar stores next to...more dollar stores? "Ray Goyette" commented under this thread which caught some attention stating:

"The entire Kings Hwy plaza could benefit from a massive overhaul. I'm hoping with all the "upscale" improvements because of the train coming, a developer will wipe out Kings Hwy plaza and start over."

This is where other residents began mentioning how Fall River has done a fantastic job developing the "South Coast Marketplace" and New Bedford should maybe take some notes.



King's Highway Plaza. Steven Richard photo.

Since its opening in 2017 the South Coast Marketplace has flourished. We have now seen the additions of Chik-Fil-A, Starbucks, Ulta, Marketbasket, and several other huge names that has completely transformed that area of Fall River. Along with its plethora of popular stores and restaurants, the marketplace has also maintained a clean and modern aesthetic which really adds a nice touch to the area.

On the other hand, Kings Highway almost feels like its sadly been stuck in time. It looks exactly the same as when I was a kid except now there are just more empty buildings.

Rather than complain, I think it is more beneficial to throw out ideas and see if they could work. I think Kings Highway Plaza could become New Bedford's version of the "South Coast Marketplace", what would you like to see happen to Kings Highway?



SouthCoast Marketplace in Fall River. Steven Richard photo.

New Bedford residents can voice concerns and meet with Mayor Mitchell this week

Have a question, concern, or just want to speak with New Bedford's Mayor Mitchell in person? You will get the opportunity to do so this week! Mayor Jon Mitchell will hold

office hours on Wednesday, August 9th, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Palace Pizza & More located at 13 Allen Street.

City residents are invited to attend and meet with Mayor Mitchell directly and share their concerns and ideas, as well as a bite to eat. The session is open to all New Bedford residents, no advance appointments are required, and meeting with the Mayor will be done on a first come first served basis.

Mayor Mitchell is running for reelection this fall so any concerns you have, may become major topics of discussion this campaign season!

Delays expected as MassDOT does bridge construction work in New Bedford

MassDOT will be doing construction work on the bridge that carries Rockdale Ave over Highway 140 in New Bedford. Construction will take place Sundays-Thursdays from 8pm-5am and is expected to finish on August 18th.

At least 1 lane will remain open at all times, but drivers should expect delays as there will reduced speeds in that area.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation noted that the project is for a “Bridge joint replacement”. For more information regarding this project and any other road work visit the MassDOT website [here](#).

Fairhaven Firefighter Maggie Rocha raises \$7,000 for cancer research and treatment

“This year our Sister, Fairhaven Firefighter Maggie Rocha rode 186 miles as part of the 2023 Pan-Mass Challenge with Team Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts!

Maggie personally raised over \$7,000 for cancer research and treatment at Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Maggie, we are so proud of you and all that you do for your community.

Thank you for always going above and beyond!

Your Police family ?”-Fairhaven Police Department K9 Unit.



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