

# Rare Decades-Old Military Plane wreckage discovered washed up on Massachusetts Beach

Decades-old wreckage from a remote-controlled plane used for military target practice in the 1940s and '50s has washed up on Marconi Beach in Wellfleet, Massachusetts, part of the Cape Cod National Seashore. The fuselage, believed to be from a Remote Control Aerial Target (RCAT), was discovered last week and examined by CCNS park historian Bill Burke.

RCATs were drone planes used for target practice by military personnel conducting anti-aircraft training at Camp Wellfleet, which closed in 1961. The planes were launched from aircraft that took off from a runway in the woods near the camp and were controlled remotely from a nearby bluff.

The discovery is a reminder of the area's military history, with Camp Wellfleet having played a significant role in training during wartime. The land was later given over to create the Cape Cod National Seashore by President John F. Kennedy.

This find adds to the historical significance of the area and highlights the importance of preserving and understanding its past.

The Cape Cod National Seashore posted photographs of the fuselage along with a quick history lesson.

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# Trial court cracks down on signs, photos, buttons, clothing for Massachusetts vs Karen Read trial

“The Trial Court has issued the following order effective for the Commonwealth v. Karen Read trial, which begins tomorrow with jury selection:

“COURT ORDER: It is, hereby, ordered that no individual may demonstrate in any manner, including carrying signs or placards, within 200 feet of the courthouse complex during trial of this case, unless otherwise ordered by this Court. This complex includes the Norfolk Superior courthouse building and the parking area behind the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds building. Individuals are also prohibited from using audio enhancing devices while protesting.

“It is further ordered that no individuals will be permitted to wear or exhibit any buttons, photographs, clothing, or insignia, relating to the case pending against the defendant or relating to any trial participant, in the courthouse during the trial. Law enforcement officers who are testifying or are members of the audience are also prohibited from wearing their department issued uniforms or any police emblems in the courthouse.”-Massachusetts State Police.

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# UPDATED: Massachusetts wildlife rescue fighting to save fox found clinging to life due to rat poison

"She did everything RIGHT...

Michaela noticed this mangey fox hanging around her house. Once the fox went into her garage, she closed possible exits and called us. We didn't have to chase this already compromised animal. He crawled into her garage and fell asleep. Next thing he knew, he was in a carrier being brought to the rescue.

He is in rough shape. He is dealing with mange and a slow clotting time (likely from rat poison). We will be tending to him night and day until he is stable.

Thank Michaela, for giving this young red fox a second chance at the wonderful life deserves."-Newhouse Wildlife Rescue.

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## UPDATE at 10:25am:

"Someone is feeling better this morning. ♥️ Now that he's all hydrated, we will begin treatment for mange. He is also being treated secondary rodenticide poisoning, skin infections, eye infections, roundworms, hookworms and whipworms.

His treatment will likely take about 6 weeks.

He's tough and we believe he will pull through. ♥️"-Newhouse Wildlife Rescue.



*Newhouse Wildlife Rescue photo.*

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## **Lakeville house fire displaces family; first call for town's new tower ladder and two new recruits**

"The fire occurred at 16 Bernards Way tonight (4/13), it was discovered just after 5 pm when a neighborhood child saw fire venting from a window on the back side of the house. A phone call to 911 followed and firefighters were enroute by 5:15 pm.

A full recall of firefighters was transmitted due to the

report of the house fire. A working fire assignment was requested by the Chief before arrival due to information from the scene.

Engine 2 and Car 1 arrived first, conflicting reports about the whereabouts of the occupants necessitated an aggressive attack on the fire and a search of the home. Engine 2 crew stretched a 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  attack line into the home for extinguishment.



*Lakeville, MA Fire Department photo.*

Next arriving Engine 1 conducted a search for victims, but none were found. Car 2 and Tower Ladder 1 arrived on the scene, with the ladder assigned to ventilation of the structure.

An Engine from Raynham covered the Lakeville Fire Station during the fire.

A neighbor helped keep some of the fire in check by spraying water into a window where the fire was venting. Despite those actions, interior firefighters were faced with heavy smoke and



zero visibility. Upon locating the seat of the fire, crews quickly extinguished the remaining fire.

The family of four was not home at the time of the fire, they did respond back home upon notification of the fire. The home was uninhabitable due to the fire damage, and the Red Cross is assisting the family with securing shelter for the night. An attached neighboring home (duplex) was not damaged; the residents were temporarily displaced due to elevated carbon monoxide levels. The neighbor's home was ventilated and made safe.



*Lakeville, MA Fire Department photo.*

Plymouth County Sheriff's Department BCI responded to the scene for investigation assistance. The Building Inspector Nate Darling assisted with the investigation and securing of the home. All responders were clear of the scene by 8:00 pm.

**Notes:**

- A couple of firsts... This was the first call for our new Tower Ladder! This was the first fire for FF PJ Machunski and Brett Morse.
- FF Neal Severance graduated from the fire academy only

yesterday.

Strong work fellas! The Delisle Family discovered the fire; they are the family that firefighters recently assisted after the birth of Annabelle in their home.”-Lakeville, MA Fire Department.



*Lakeville, MA Fire Department photo.*





*Lakeville, MA Fire Department photo.*

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## **21-year old Massachusetts man allegedly caught with CSAM videos of children one to eight years old**

*Defendant allegedly possessed videos files of child sexual abuse material; some depicting children approximately one to eight years old.*



“BOSTON – A Lowell man has been arrested for child pornography offenses.

Steven Armando Estrada Ramirez, 21, was charged with receipt and possession of child sexual abuse material (CSAM). Estrada Ramirez made an initial appearance in federal court in Boston yesterday.

According to the charging documents, Estrada was identified as a participant in multiple groups on a mobile chat application, in which the primary purpose of the group, is for users share and view CSAM. It is alleged that multiple files located within those chat application groups depicted child pornography. During a search of his residence, Estrada was found to be in possession of a USB drive containing approximately 800 video files, many of which had filenames descriptive of child pornography, and the majority of which depicted child pornography. The files allegedly depicted children who appeared to be approximately one to eight years old.

The charge of receipt of child pornography provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of five years and up to 20 years in prison, at least five years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of possession of child pornography provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, at least five years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy and Michael J. Krol, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in New England made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Lauren Maynard of the Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse, launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. 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 <https://www.justice.gov/psc>.

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."-Massachusetts Department of Justice.

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## **City of New Bedford places new Fire & Emergency Incident Rehabilitation Unit into service**

"This week, City of New Bedford Emergency Management placed their new Fire & Emergency Incident Rehabilitation Unit in service.

This unit will respond to all fire and emergency scenes where responders, displaced residents, and civilians can take shelter during inclement weather in all seasons. The Emergency Management Agency is a division of the Fire Department.

This unit carries an array of tents, heating and cooling

units, blankets, and other supplies. The unit is staffed by EMA Director Brian Nobrega and his mostly volunteer staff. These volunteers respond all hours of the day and night, including weekends and holidays. Their dedication is appreciated by all. They assist with fire and emergency scene rehab and provide victim assistance to those in need.

These services allow the Nbfd to be compliant with NFPA 1584 Standard on the Rehabilitation Process for Members During Emergency Operations and Training Exercises. EMA personnel also assist the Fire Investigators, American Red Cross, and NBPD and NBEMS with victim services and obtaining their information and needs.”-New Bedford Fire Department.



*A typical Fire & Emergency Incident Rehabilitation Unit. Mass.gov photo.*

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# Massachusetts State Police to roll out enforcement patrols to catch you driving using your cell phone

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Throughout April, we are rolling daily high visibility enforcement patrols across Mass. as part of a nationwide distracted driving enforcement campaign.

Keep your eyes on the road, not your phone, or you could face a fine, or much worse. #JustDrive #DistractedDriving #EyesOnTheRoad NHTSA"-Massachusetts State Police.





*Massachusetts State Police photo.*

**Massachusetts  
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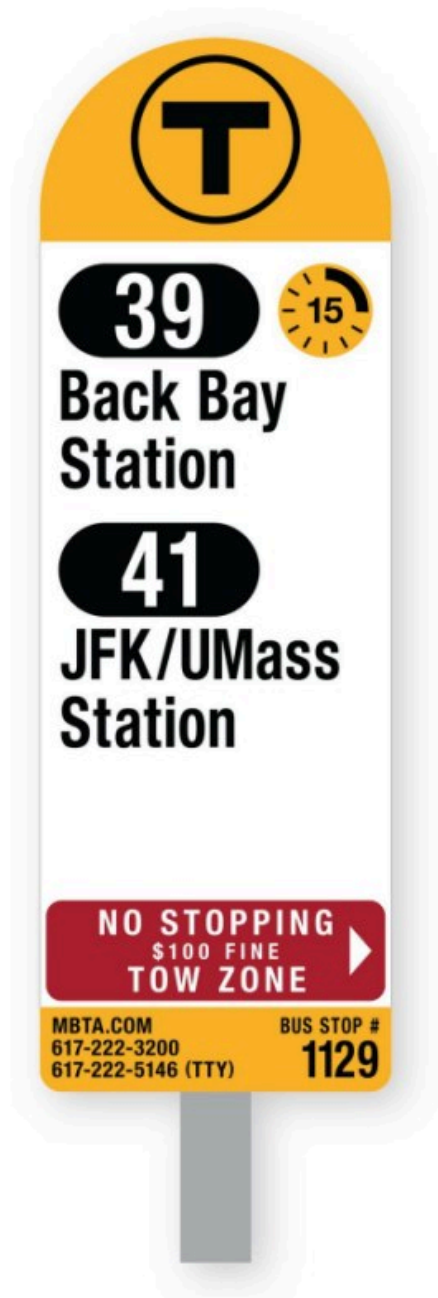
**Bay  
Authority**

# reveals new sign designs for buses

“As we begin this pilot of new sign designs for buses that are intended to improve our riders’ experience and provide clear information at bus stops, we are asking for public feedback to best ensure we are meeting your expectations,” said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng

This week, we launched a pilot to redesign bus stop signs in an effort to improve their accessibility and visibility. In the coming weeks, we’ll be hosting eight pop-up events at pilot bus stops to gather rider feedback on the pilot.

This bus stop signage pilot comes in advance of anticipated bus service changes to come as part of the Bus Network Redesign Program.”-Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.



← New symbol for frequent bus routes

← Larger, easier-to-read text size (2")

← Wider sign (14")

← Double-sided

*Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority photo.*

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**Massachusetts residents to pay some of the highest**

# Lifetime taxes in the United States

A recent study titled 'A Life of Tax: How Much Tax Will Americans Pay Over Their Lifetime?' has revealed that residents of Massachusetts are among those who will pay some of the highest lifetime taxes in the United States.

According to the study, the average American will pay approximately \$524,625 in taxes throughout their lifetime, which accounts for about a third (34.7%) of their estimated lifetime earnings of \$1,494,986. Massachusetts residents, however, are expected to pay even more, with a total lifetime tax burden of \$816,700.

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● 1. New Jersey	\$987,117
● 2. D.C.	\$884,820
● 3. Connecticut	\$855,307
● 4. Massachusetts	\$816,700
● 5. New York	\$748,199
● 6. New Hampshire	\$722,610
● 7. Rhode Island	\$684,828
● 8. Illinois	\$665,286
● 9. California	\$659,224
● 10. Maryland	\$655,454

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TOTAL TAX:

**\$816,700**

The average resident of Massachusetts will pay the following over their lifetime:

**Tax on earnings:** \$374,256

**Tax on personal expenses:** \$52,039

**Tax on property:** \$325,086

**Tax on cars:** \$65,319

The study breaks down the taxes into different categories. For Massachusetts residents, the tax on earnings is estimated to be \$374,256 over a lifetime. Additionally, tax on personal expenses, including food, clothing, personal care, and



entertainment, is projected to be \$52,039. Property tax will add another \$325,086, and owning the most popular car (Toyota Rav 4) will cost an additional \$65,319 in tax payments alone, across the average four cars owned in a lifetime.

These figures place Massachusetts as the fourth highest state in terms of lifetime taxes, following New Jersey, Washington D.C., and Connecticut. Residents of New Jersey are expected to pay the most, with a total lifetime tax burden of \$987,117.

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## **Maintenance scheduled for New Bedford & Fall River Bridges to cause road closures**

Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced upcoming overnight maintenance and debris removal on three key bridges in the New Bedford and Fall River areas.

Starting at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, through 6 a.m. the next morning, road closures and rolling roadblocks will be in effect for the following bridges:

**Braga Bridge:** Street sweeping will be conducted, requiring rolling roadblocks.

**Veterans Memorial Bridge:** Maintenance work will be performed, with state police implementing rolling roadblocks.

**New Bedford-Fairhaven Swing Bridge:** Maintenance activities will take place during this period.

MassDOT advises drivers to exercise caution, reduce speed, and plan for potential delays while traveling through these areas.