

# **New Bedford Firefighters respond to mom in active labor, assist bringing baby girl into world**

“Shortly before 1:00am on Saturday April 6, Engine Company 5 responded to a single family residence on Acushnet Avenue in Sassaquin for a 24 year old female in labor.

Upon entering the residence, they observed mom actively delivering a baby. The crew of Engine 5 assisted with the remainder of the delivery, stimulated the baby, and clamped and cut the umbilical cord. Mom delivered a baby girl.

NBEMS Paramedics arrived and assumed care of mom and the baby who were then transported to St. Luke’s Emergency Department.

Congratulations Mom and great job Engine Company 5 providing care to mom and baby.”-New Bedford Fire Department.

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# **After complaints New Bedford Cemetery Board reminds residents about decoration guidelines**

**“Reminder From Cemetery Board on Decorations:**

New Bedford cemeteries are solemn and dignified environments

for the families and loved ones of those no longer with us. After a number of complaints from members of the public with loved ones at rest in City cemeteries (Rural Cemetery, Pine Grove Cemetery, and Oak Grove Cemetery), the Cemetery Board would like to take this opportunity to remind residents and visitors about the long-standing guidelines regarding decorations:

### **Planting, Personal Item Rules and Regulations:**

- It is the responsibility of the lot owner to maintain and restrict plant material from extending beyond the designated planting area of 12 inches from the stone or obscuring the name(s) inscribed on any marker or monument on the lot. Unsightly, unattractive, and dead plants and their containers, as well as invasive plants or plantings over 4 feet high, must be removed.
- Planting in the pathways (in between grave plots) is not allowed and will be removed.
- Annual flowers (geraniums, ageratums, marigolds, petunias, impatiens, etc.) are allowed for planting. Mulch is permitted. The raising or lowering of planting beds is not allowed. It must remain at the level of the prevailing grade and not exceed 12 inches from the stone.
- One statue, no more than 6 inches, may be securely placed in planting bed near the stone, as well as up to two solar lights.
- All personal items must remain in the designated planting area at all times. Any personal items found outside the designated area will be removed.

### **Prohibited Items:**

- Barriers of any nature: bricks, stones, fences, ditches, mounds, curbing, fences, etc.

- Glass containers of any kind
- Flower urns, flame torches and vigil lights
- Wood chips, stone chips, and rubber mulch
- Shrubs (e.g., azaleas and rosebushes) and Perennial flowers
- Plantings or structures over 18 inches high
- Crosses used as markers in lieu of a headstone or larger than 8 inches
- Any flags from one week after Labor Day to one week before Memorial Day, with the exception of the week of Veterans Day in November
- Holiday decorations must be removed by March 1
- Plantings of trees on individual lots is not permitted and will be removed.

Any decorations that are removed will be stored for 10 days and can be retrieved by calling the Cemetery Office at 508-979-1550 ext. 5. The Cemetery Board thanks the public for its understanding and the collective effort of everyone to keep our cemeteries solemn and well-kept public spaces that benefit their role as a final resting place.”-City of New Bedford.

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**New Bedford Health Department  
offers FREE medication  
organizers, sharps  
containers, medicine  
deactivation**

**“MEDICAL SUPPLIES AVAILABLE:**

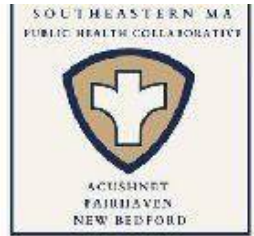
The New Bedford Health Department has free medication organizers, sharps disposal containers, and medicine deactivation and disposal bags available for the public.

With support from the state's Public Health Excellence program, these supplies are available ament-offers-free-mt no cost. Stop by our office at 1213 Purchase Street in New Bedford between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to pick up items.

Call 508-991-6199 with questions."-New Bedford Health Department.



# Available



at the New Bedford Health Department  
1213 Purchase St New Bedford, MA 02740

### Medication Organizers



### Sharps Disposal Containers



1 Quart

1 Gallon

2 Gallons

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1213 Purchase St New Bedford, MA

Organizador de Medicación



Recipientes para Objetos Punzocortantes



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# **OPINION: “Trump is churning up his MAGA militias for bloody rebellion or a civil war!”**

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“As Trump’s cases have multiplied, the motions to dismiss are denied and civil judgments are in the millions, Trump is churning up his MAGA militias for a reprisal of the Capitol insurrection that could put this country on a trajectory for a bloody rebellion or a civil war.

As each criminal case is delayed with an uncertain outcome that keeps Trump’s name in every news cycle it affords him the opportunity to whine and threaten his opponents and flagrantly disrespect the judicial system.

Shooting a person on Fifth Avenue pales in comparison to the criminal indictments awaiting trial in state and federal courts. Standing before hundreds of thousands of charged up supporters and dog whistling a call to arms with bloody results is so potentially dangerous to this country. And suffering no consequences for his diatribes further enables and energizes Trump.

Proclaiming that he is being treated like any other criminal



or civil defendant is inaccurate as most people charged with crimes and torts lack the funds to pursue every conceivable motion, or appeal, in order to delay their cases indefinitely.

Manipulating the system and avoiding conviction has inured to Trump's benefit by providing fuel for his rants, confirms his supporters' faith in his innocence and power, and has contributed to the emasculation of the Republican Party structure by his seizing control and funneling donations for his defense.

Trump will become the victor by winning or losing the election as he has enabled the worst inclinations of millions of Americans who are willing to forfeit their rights and best interests to elevate their beloved leader."-Betty Ussach, Dartmouth.

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## **Lakeville Firefighters rush to scene of woman in active labor, help welcome baby Annabelle to the world!**

"Welcome to the world baby Annabelle!

Firefighters bear witness to many heartbreaking and disheartening situations. The weight of the cumulative experiences can be overwhelming for even the most resilient responders.

And then something like this happens...Little Annabelle is not only a gift to her family but also to the responders who

rushed to the scene. We were grateful to be part of her exciting entrance into the world!

March 25th (3:00 am) – Ambulance 3 and Squad 3 responded to the scene of a Lakeville residence for a woman in active labor. The tone of the excited dispatcher communicated to our firefighters the urgency of the situation! Car 2 joined the response from her residence.

Responders arrived to find baby Annabelle could not wait for their arrival, delivering just a minute before the first medic entered the home.

The Delisle Family had called for Grandpa to come over to watch Annabelle's brothers while Mom and Dad drove to the hospital. Things escalated quickly though and Grandpa was not on time.

Medics went to work caring for Annabelle and her Mom. Responders report that the parents were rock solid and very calm (which is very helpful to everyone)! Annabelle's Dad shared that he is now interested in becoming an EMT.

Today, the Delisle Family came to visit the station and thank the firefighters who came to the house that morning. The responding Lakeville Fire Department responders included FF PJ Machunski, FF Brock DuVarney, FF Dick Velez, and DC Pam Garant.

Chief O'Brien would like to express his gratitude to the Delisle Family for brightening our day. The Chief is also proud of the work of the crew and the care they provided to these very special patients!

Thank you to our community – it is only through your support that we can be ready on a moment's notice for events like this one. You all own a share of this and the many other outcomes we produce."-Lakeville, MA Fire Department.



*Lakeville, MA Fire Department photo.*



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## **Massachusetts State Police brave elements, flooding, winds, during storm**

“The Association would like to commend the hard work of our members who braved the elements during this week’s storm that



rocked our state with high winds, rain, snow, and flooding.

As always the men and women of the Massachusetts State Police did not hesitate to answer the call, putting service to the Commonwealth above all else.”-State Police Association of Massachusetts.



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## **Massachusetts man shouting racial slurs at Boston City Hall, bites police officer**

The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office reported that 51-year-old Michael Williams was at Boston City Hall Friday morning allegedly shouting racial slurs at a group of people at the government building.

When Boston Police Officers arrived they asked Williams' to vacate the premises, but the 51-year old refused to leave. When asked by one of the officers, "Are you choosing to be arrested?" he replied "Yes, I would rather be arrested."

It is when police made an attempt to arrest him that he allegedly became combative and at one point bit one of the officers powerfully enough to cause significant bleeding. The bite was strong enough that skin could be seen hanging off of the officer's hand. It was at this point that Williams' broke free from their grasp and allegedly began punching officers.

Williams was eventually subdued, arrested, and charged with two counts of assault and battery on a police officer, trespassing, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and assault to maim. In total four officers were transported to Mass General Hospital to be treated for their injuries.

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## **Nigerian national who lived in New Bedford sentenced to prison for romance scam, money laundering**

*Defendant previously extradited from the United Kingdom to face charges.*

BOSTON – A former New Bedford man was sentenced yesterday for wire fraud and money laundering charges involving funds obtained from “romance scam” victims.

Chukwunonso “Douglas” Umegbo, a/k/a James Abbott, a/k/a Michael Philips, a/k/a Richard Armani, 39, was sentenced by U.S. Senior District Court Judge George A. O’Toole Jr. to 42 months in prison, followed by one year of supervised release. Umegbo was also ordered to pay restitution and forfeiture of \$578,954.78. In January 2024, Umegbo pleaded guilty to six

counts of making a false statement to a bank, two counts of wire fraud and one count of money laundering. Umegbo was arrested in London in April 2022 and extradited to the United States in February 2023. He has remained in federal custody since.

Between no later than 2018 through at least 2019, Umegbo opened bank accounts in the greater Boston area using fake identity documents. The bank accounts were used to receive fraudulently obtained funds from a number of victims of romance scams, in which perpetrators create fictitious online personas to develop online romantic relationships with individuals in the U.S., and then leverage those relationships to obtain money and/or property. Once the fraudulently obtained funds reached the accounts controlled by Umegbo, Umegbo withdrew the money in cash, used the funds to purchase cashier's checks, or spent the money. Altogether, the fraudulent accounts received more than \$568,000. Even after leaving the U.S., Umegbo continued to obtain bank account information from co-conspirators in Massachusetts, to whom he directed victim funds.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; Jodi Cohen, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division; Ketty Larco-Ward, Inspector in Charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Boston Division; and Michael J. Krol, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in New England made the announcement today. The Justice Department's Office of International Affairs provided valuable assistance in securing the arrest and extradition from the U.K. of Umegbo. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kristen A. Kearney and Leslie A. Wright of the Securities, Financial & Cyber Fraud Unit prosecuted the case."-Massachusetts Department of Justice.

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# **New Bedford's GNBVT High School is thrilled to announce the celebration of Multicultural Day**

"Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School (GNBVT) is thrilled to announce the celebration of Multicultural Day on Friday, April 12, 2024. This inaugural event is a significant step toward celebrating the diverse backgrounds of our student body and emphasizing our commitment to fostering an environment of inclusion, diversity, equity, and belonging within our school community.

Multicultural Day is set to offer an enlightening and engaging experience, symbolizing GNBVT's dedication to creating an educational setting where every faculty, staff, and student feels valued, heard, and included. Through a variety of planned activities, we aim to cultivate a deeper understanding and appreciation for the multitude of cultures represented at our school, reinforcing the idea that diversity is our strength.

Yolanda Dennis, Director of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Family Engagement, shares her enthusiasm for the upcoming festivities, "Multicultural Day represents our relentless pursuit of an inclusive, empathetic, and welcoming school culture. It provides a vibrant platform for students to explore and celebrate the myriad cultures within our community, fostering a day rich in learning, connection, and relationship-building."

On this special day, the GNBVT Student Council encourages



students, faculty, and staff to wear attire that reflects their cultural heritage, adding an element to the celebration of diversity. The day will begin with a student-curated diverse breakfast, followed by a specially themed lunch menu, offering a taste of the wide array of cultures present within our school community.

In addition to the culinary experiences, Multicultural Day will feature a series of activities throughout all lunch shifts. By facilitating these experiences, GNBVT not only aims to educate, but also to inspire our students to embrace and celebrate diversity in all its forms.”

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## **Massachusetts police seize 23 guns, explosives, fireworks, 10,000 rounds of ammunition, arrest 1**

“On Wednesday, April 3, 2024, Mansfield Officers executed an arrest warrant for an individual with two default warrants out of Attleboro District Court for crimes committed in Mansfield and Norton. Probable cause was subsequently developed that there were a number of illegal firearms located at 142 Church Street. Mansfield Police Detectives applied for and were granted a search warrant, and as a result, recovered 23 firearms, over 10,000 rounds of ammunition, high-capacity feeding devices, and items used for making improvised explosives.

This morning, Thursday, April 4, 2024, more information was obtained regarding the items found in the home. After

consultation with the Bristol County District Attorney's Office, ATF, and the State Police Bomb Squad, Detectives applied for and were granted a second search warrant for the grounds of the property of 142 Church Street. After speaking with neighbors and containing the scene, a thorough search of the grounds of the property was conducted with help from State and Federal partners.

As a result of the investigation, a 61-year-old Mansfield man is currently being held on the default warrants and will face additional charges in Attleboro District Court that will include the following:

- Improper storage of a firearm
- Improper storage of a large-capacity firearm
- Possession of explosives
- Possession of fireworks
- Possession of a large-capacity firearm
- Possession of a firearm without an FID card

Thank you to our law enforcement partners for their assistance and to the Church Street neighbors for their patience and understanding. The name of the subject is being withheld pending arraignment, and the investigation is ongoing."- Mansfield, MA Police Department.