

27-year old New Bedford Man sentenced for firearm offense

“A New Bedford man was sentenced yesterday in federal court in Boston for unlawfully possessing a firearm and ammunition.

David Acosta, 27, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Alison D. Burroughs to 18 months in prison and three years of supervised release. In November 2022, Acosta pleaded guilty to one count of being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

On Oct. 22, 2020, Acosta was found in possession of a loaded Glock .45 caliber pistol and 10 rounds of assorted .45 caliber ammunition. Co-defendant, Marquise Thompson pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute fentanyl and was sentenced to three years of supervised release on Nov. 15, 2022.

United States Attorney Rachael S. Rollins; James M. Ferguson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, Boston Field Division; and New Bedford Police Chief Paul Oliveira made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth G. Shine of Rollins' Major Crimes Unit prosecuted the case.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence, and to make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. On May 26, 2021, the Department launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on these core principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities, and measuring the

results.”-Massachusetts Department of Justice.