

Police seek man who attempted to rob Domino's Pizza on 109 Rockdale Ave

New Bedford police are investigating an attempted armed robbery at Domino's Pizza at 109 Rockdale Ave. at about 11:16 p.m. Wednesday. Nothing appeared to be taken and no injuries were reported. The suspect claimed to have a weapon.

The suspect was described as a light-skinned male, with a thin build and wearing a khaki-colored, hooded military-style hip-length jacket, with dark pants and a black ski mask. Police cannot speculate why the robbery was unsuccessful. The employee did not fight back.

New Bedford police are investigating. Anyone with information is asked to call the police department at 508-991-6350 or the anonymous tip line at 508-992-7463 or e-mail tip@newbedfordpd.com.

Video by Carlos Pimentel Felix.

36-year-old New Bedford man dies from drug overdose on Wednesday

The medical examiner is investigating the death of a 36-year-old New Bedford man Wednesday at 3:19 p.m. from an apparent drug overdose Wednesday at a home on Whitman Street. Medics pronounced the man dead at the scene. Evidence of apparent

drug use was found at the scene.

This comes after New Bedford police reported five suspected drug overdoses over a 16-hour period on Monday into Tuesday.

New Bedford police share driving child safety tips

During two separate motor vehicle stops Sunday by New Bedford Police, a troubling discovery was made in the back seat.

In one case, a young boy was jumping in the back seat of a vehicle, completely unrestrained.

In the second situation, three young people – a 16-year-old, 14-year-old and two 10-year-olds – were unbuckled in the back seat.

In both cases, the drivers broke the law and put the children at risk of serious injury, or worse.

Motor vehicle crashes are among the leading causes of death for children ages 3 to 14. This risk can be reduced by having children ride in a properly fastened and secured safety seat.

Even a sudden stop can seriously injure a child who is not secured in the right type of child safety seat.

It's important to understand vehicle restraint regulations, which vary by age. Remember: The back seat is the safest place in a vehicle for children.

From birth to 12 months, the child should ride in a rear-facing car seat.

From one to three years of age, children should remain in a rear-facing car seat until they reach the top height or weight limit allowed by the child seat manufacturer. Once they outgrow the rear-facing seat, they are ready to travel in a forward-facing seat with a harness.

From ages four to seven, keep the child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by the child seat's manufacturer. Once the child outgrows the forward-facing seat, it's time to travel in a booster seat in the back seat of the car.

Massachusetts law requires that the child remain secured in a federally approved booster seat/safety belt combination until he or she reaches eight years old or 57 inches (4' 9'') in height.

At the time, children are required to wear adult safety belts, properly adjusted to their size. Anyone 13 and older is required to wear a seat belt.

These regulations aim to keep everyone safe. Ignoring them can have legal consequences.

If a passenger is at least 13 years old but not yet 16, then the operator can be issued a citation. If a passenger is 16 years of age or older then the passenger gets issued the citation

New Bedford Police Community Police Officer Robert Gomes is a child seat and seat belt specialist. Anyone with questions or concerns about these issues may call him at station three at 508-991-6360.

51-year old man crashes on Braley Road after possible medical emergency

On Wednesday, April 5 at 6:19 p.m., Massachusetts State Police reported a vehicle operating erratically on Route 140 southbound.

As the vehicle passed through Freetown, Freetown Police observed the vehicle being operated erratically and attempted to stop it. The vehicle continued south for approx. 2 1/2 miles entering New Bedford and exited the highway at exit 7 where it traveled over a cement traffic island, crossed Braley Road, and came to rest against some trees.

The 51-year old driver was transported by New Bedford EMS to a hospital. Massachusetts State Police are investigating the incident to determine if the driver suffered from a medical event.

The Blue Lane connects shoreline attractions from Clark's Cove to City's North End

Mayor Jon Mitchell and other city officials announced the creation of The Blue Lane, a new designation that describes the city's new waterfront paths from the CoveWalk and

HarborWalk along the South End peninsula to the planned RiverWalk on the banks of the Acushnet River in the North End.

Since taking office in 2012, Mayor Mitchell has strongly supported the reconnection of the city's waterfront to its residential and commercial areas. In the past two years, the city, with support from the state, has built HarborWalk and CoveWalk, and extended the existing Saulnier path along West Rodney French Boulevard to connect with the CoveWalk. The improvements along the waterfront allow residents to New Bedford's spectacular water views as never before.

The Blue Lane spans the 11-mile shoreline of the city and will signal to residents and tourists a contiguous set of recreational pathways that will allow visitors to travel along the entire New Bedford waterfront, connecting the attractions not only to local neighborhoods, but also to one another.

The HarborWalk is 3,400 feet long and tops New Bedford's hurricane barrier on the east side of the city's southern peninsula connects with a bike path that runs along the waterfront to the tip of the peninsula and into historic, 50-acre waterfront Fort Taber Park. The 5,500-foot CoveWalk sits atop the hurricane barrier on the western side of the peninsula, overlooking Clark's Cove. The planned RiverWalk will be a 17,000-foot recreational waterfront path on the upper harbor, along the western bank of the Acushnet River north of the New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge.

The Blue Lane connects several city parks, including Hazelwood, Fort Taber and East and West beaches in the South End, with planned bike paths along JFK Boulevard and Herman Melville Boulevard as part of The Blue Lane linking to Riverside Park, Rivers End Park, and the planned RiverWalk in the North End. The Blue Lane also connects New Bedford's shoreline paths to bike lanes in neighboring Fairhaven and Dartmouth.

The City's Office of Tourism and Marketing will work to establish The Blue Lane to local residents and tourists alike.

"New Bedford continues to establish itself as a tourist destination in New England. Marketing our breathtaking and unique waterfront walkways as one connected path, The Blue Lane, gives local residents and visitors a way to chart their course as they walk, run or bike along the city shoreline," said Mayor Jon Mitchell.

"Paths that span entire cities are useful in cities so that visitors know the full range of opportunities they have to see a destination's historic and natural attractions. They can find spots for recreation, sightseeing, as well as places to dine and shop as they explore The Blue Lane," said Dagny Ashley, director of tourism and marketing for the city.

History of the New Bedford Hurricane Barrier

In 1962, construction of the hurricane barrier across New Bedford Harbor began in an effort to greatly minimize the destructive effects of flood waters associated with severe storms. Dedicated in 1966, the hurricane barrier remains the largest manmade structure on the east coast of the United States and provides security for industries, the fishing fleet, and hundreds of homes in residential neighborhoods. The Harbor Barrier and Dike have protected New Bedford and the neighboring communities of Acushnet and Fairhaven from storm surge but, the dike portion of the structure—a massive 18 foot high, 4,600 foot stone wall—has limited public access to the water.

Fall River domestic batterer sentenced to 3-5 years in prison

A 39-year-old Fall River man who violently assaulted his girlfriend just after midnight on New Year's Day was sentenced to serve three to five years in state prison this week in Fall River Superior Court.

Jason Brum pleaded guilty to a two-count indictment charging him with aggravated assault and battery, and assault and battery.

The defendant got into an argument with his girlfriend as they were walking back to their apartment after attending a New Year's Eve event. When they got to the front door, he suddenly pushed her down and began to stomp on her head and face. She called out for help during the assault and a neighbor came down with a baseball bat. The neighbor armed with the bat was able to get the defendant to pause his attack long enough for police to arrive and take the defendant into custody. Police found the victim unconscious, bleeding from the eyes, nose, head, and face. She suffered a fractured nose as well as bruising all over her body. The victim was transported to Rhode Island Hospital. She has since undergone surgeries for her injuries.

During a sentencing hearing before Judge Raffi Yessayan, Assistant District Attorney Carolyn Morrisette argued that based on the severity and brutality of the beating, the defendant should serve five to six years in state prison. The defense, however, recommend a more lenient 15 month jail sentence with probation.

After hearing from both sides and the victim herself, Judge Yessayan sentenced the defendant to serve three to five years

in state prison, to be followed by five years of supervised probation with mandatory domestic batterers counseling.

“This is another brutal case of domestic violence that simply cannot be tolerated in a civilized society. My office will continue to forcefully prosecute these violent domestic batterers,” District Attorney Quinn said. “This type of violence inflicted on a women is very disturbing. I want to commend the victim for coming to court and telling the court how she was impacted by this vicious assault. I am sure this was not easy for her.”

Harss Express robbed in New Bedford robbed on Wednesday

Harss Express, 775 Brock Ave., New Bedford, was robbed by a male at 10:05 p.m. on Wednesday. Due to it being an active investigation, police are not releasing any more information.

Video by Carlos Pimentel Felix

Cape Cod Museum Trail – Festival of Museums (May 6)

The Festival of Museums is just that – a one-day celebration of Cape Cod’s museums and galleries with events throughout the day.

Museums, galleries and businesses from all around Cape Cod are offering a fun packed day of surprising and exciting events and activities aimed at igniting your imagination. So, whether you're a mom or dad looking for something to do with the kids, a group of friends looking for a new experience or an art or history enthusiast, come along and join in the fun!

FESTIVAL OF MUSEUMS

May 6, 2017

CapeCodMuseumTrail.com



Local residents and visitors alike will experience Cape Cod's rich history in our own backyard on May 6, 2017 from 10AM-4PM at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center located at 141 Bassett Ln, Hyannis, MA 02601

Presented by the **Cape Cod Museum Trail** and hosted by the Hyannis Youth and Community Center this event will offer an exciting atmosphere with great entertainment, beautiful arts and exhibits and fun activities for the whole family.

More details: <http://capecodmuseumtrail.com>

Public Safety Meeting at Pulaski School in New Bedford – 18 April

From a concerned parent:

My fellow Pulaski school community,

As you are all very well aware, there is a huge traffic issue during morning drop-offs on Braley Road. City Councilor Jim Oliveira has confirmed that there will be a Public Safety Meeting at Pulaski on Tuesday April 18th at 7:00pm.

The New Bedford School committee and City Councilors will be present to discuss several safety/traffic issues as well as ways to solve them. Hopefully, the Mayor will be in attendance as well. We can discuss the possible egress, but there are other inexpensive ways that can be implemented asap to ease this morning nightmare.

The more voices attend, the more support Pulaski will get. Please help spread the word....SHARE!!!!!!

Fairhaven woman charged with OUI drugs on Campbell Street in New Bedford

Police arrested a 48-year-old Fairhaven woman after she was found in her vehicle Wednesday morning after apparently having overdosed. Tracy A. Hobson, 48, of Fairhaven, was charged with

OUI drugs and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Police responded to the area of 100 Campbell St. for a reported possible overdose. When police arrived, they found a car on the sidewalk against a fence. Two doses of Narcan were administered to the driver, the sole occupant of the vehicle. She was then transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

The incident was reported at 4:48 a.m.

An immediate threat of license revocation was submitted to the Registry of Motor Vehicles.