

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Center's hours to change January through March

"New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park has announced winter hours of operation for the park's visitor center.

The visitor center, located at 33 William Street, will be open to the public Wednesday – Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. This change in hours begins January 1 and remains in effect until March 31, 2024. The visitor center will be closed on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays, including New Year's Day.

Established on November 12, 1996, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park serves as a model for community partnerships in the National Park Service. Located in the urban setting of downtown New Bedford that spans over 13 city blocks, the park and its partners preserve, protect, and interpret the cultural resources associated with the history of the American whaling industry.

The park is more than whaling as it includes stories of global immigration, Underground Railroad, women's history, cultural diversity, architecture, art, and their relevance to current topics. The Visitor Center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford and is open every Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM (April-December). Park Rangers offer orientation to visitors, maps, and brochures on the surrounding area. The building is wheelchair-accessible and is fee-free.

For more information, call 508-996-4095, visit nps.gov/NEBE or

follow the park's social media accounts on Facebook.com/NewBedfordNPS and Instagram.com/NewBedfordNPS."

New York Man arrested in connection to Christmas double motor vehicle fatality in Somerset

"A 41-year-old New York resident has been arrested on charges related to a late Christmas night motor vehicle double-fatality on the Somerset side of the Veteran's Memorial Bridge.

Adam Gauthier, formerly of Somerset, was arrested shortly after the 11 pm crash and is currently being charged with two counts of Manslaughter while Operating Under the Influence, two counts of Motor Vehicle Homicide-OUI Liquor, and one count each of OUI-Liquor with Serious Bodily Injury, Reckless Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Driving the Wrong Way on a State Highway.

Massachusetts State Police of the Dartmouth Barracks received an emergency call at 11 pm last night regarding a collision on the bridge involving a wrong way operator.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the defendant was driving a Range Rover eastbound in the westbound lane on Route 6 while crossing the bridge. While on the bridge, the defendant's vehicle struck an Infiniti SUV head on.

The Infiniti was being operated by Floriano Arruda, 73, of

Seekonk. Mr. Arruda's wife, Donna Arruda, 68, also of Seekonk was in the front passenger seat and his 15-year-old grandson, Jacoby Arruda, also of Seekonk, was in the rear of the vehicle.

All three of the Arrudas were rushed to area hospitals. Jacoby Arruda was pronounced deceased last night at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River, and Floriano Arruda was pronounced deceased this morning at Rhode Island Hospital. Donna Arruda is currently in critical condition at Rhode Island Hospital.

Beyond the two initial vehicles involved in the crash was a third vehicle that also sustained front end damage during the incident. The driver and front seat passenger of the third vehicle sustained minor injuries and were treated at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River.

After being arrested in connection to this incident, the defendant was transported to Saint Luke's Hospital in New Bedford where he is currently being treated for non-life-threatening injuries. He will be arraigned on the charges previously noted in this press release from his hospital bed this afternoon.

The investigation into the crash remains ongoing at this time and is now the subject of a criminal prosecution. No further information can be disseminated.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Catherine Sauter."

Nevada man arrested by Dartmouth Police while allegedly driving stolen vehicle

"DARTMOUTH, MA – On Saturday, December 23, 2023 at approximately 4:33 a.m., members of the Dartmouth Police Department located a stolen Toyota SUV in the parking lot of the Best Western Dartmouth – New Bedford, located at #737 State Road.

While monitoring the vehicle, detectives assigned to the Community Impact Unit observed a male, later identified as Blake DICKENS, 39, of #6368 Canyon Dawn Avenue, Las Vegas, NV enter the vehicle and start it with a key.

After detectives had DICKENS turn the vehicle off, he was detained pending the outcome of their investigation.

As a result of the investigation, DICKENS was placed under arrest and charged with receiving a stolen motor vehicle, uttering, possession of a false/stolen registry document (2 counts), and possession of a Class E drug."-Dartmouth Police Department.



Dartmouth Police Department photo.

**Taunton Police charge New
Bedford man with home
invasion, intent to murder,**

victim shot

“Chief Edward J. Walsh reports that the Taunton Police Department arrested a New Bedford man after a resident was shot during an armed home invasion late Friday evening.

JOSHUA MANUEL DELEON, AGE 22, OF NEW BEDFORD was arrested and charged with:

- Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon
- Assault and Battery
- Assault with a Dangerous Weapon
- Armed Assault with Intent to Murder
- Possession of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony
- Home Invasion
- Possession of Ammunition without a FID Card
- Use of Body Armor in the Commission of a Felony
- Possession of a Firearm with a Defaced Serial Number
- Discharge of a Firearm within 500 Feet of a Dwelling

On Friday, Dec. 22, at 10 p.m., Taunton Police responded to a home on Newcomb Place after 911 dispatches received a call from a cellphone around that location with a person screaming on the line. As two police officers arrived at a multi-unit house, dispatchers informed them that they had received reports of a firearm involved in an ongoing disturbance. Additional backup units were dispatched to the scene.

Officers announced their presence outside the home in question and a woman answered the door and allowed the officers to enter a second floor apartment. Inside, they found two men struggling on the ground, with one man on top of the other. Noting the report of the presence of a firearm, and fearing for their own safety and the safety of those around them, the officers unholstered their firearms and pointed them at the two men, ordering them to cease their struggle on the ground.

The men complied, and officers immediately noted that one of

the two was suffering from an apparent gunshot wound to the leg. The officers called for an emergency medical response.

The suspect, identified as DELEON, was also injured, suffering head trauma and other injuries during the altercation. A firearm was found near his person, and officers noted that he was wearing body armor. Officers later found two additional firearms as well as three bullet casings from the floor.

Police noted that, based on apparent bullet holes, an apartment above, on the third floor, may have been fired into during the struggle. Officers met with a woman who lives on the third floor and ascertained that she – and her four children inside the apartment – were frightened but not injured.

DELEON was transported to a local hospital before being transferred by medical helicopter to a Boston Hospital, where he is being treated, in police custody, for serious injuries sustained in the altercation. The other male, who was shot, was taken to a different hospital where he was being treated overnight and is expected to recover.

The two men are known to each other and that this incident was not a random act of violence. It is believed that the conflict originated in a different community and spilled over to Taunton.

The Taunton Fire Department responded to the scene and provided emergency medical services.

These are allegations. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty.”-Taunton Police Department.

Simultaneous emergencies in Lakeville trigger recall of town's firefighters, one firefighter injured

"Firefighters were alerted to a possible water emergency at 42 Lebaron Blvd., an apartment building for residents 55 years and older.

On arrival, firefighters entered the attic and located burst pipes. As they worked to isolate the leak, a call came in for a head-on crash at the intersection of Bedford and Main Streets.

A firefighter who was working in the attic space of the apartment building was injured when he fell from an attic scuttle to a stairwell landing. The firefighter was transported to Morton Hospital by Ambulance 2. He has since been treated and released from the hospital.

A recall was transmitted and additional crews were dispatched to the crash.

One person was transported from the crash by Ambulance 3 to St Lukes Hospital with injuries that did not appear to be serious.

Back at the LeBaron Apartments, workers have been repairing damage to the building.

Restoration efforts are continuing at the time of this post. Two residents have been provided suitable housing until their units can be made safe."-Lakeville, MA Fire Department.



Lakeville, MA Fire Department photo.



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Lakeville, MA Fire Department photo.

Dartmouth cat loving family seeks Christmas miracle for ‘Binks’ who is suffering from dental issues

“Good afternoon New Bedford Guide! I am not sure if this is allowed but it was the first news source I could think of to contact.

I'd like to share me and my mom's gofundme for our cat who is in need of a dental procedure. My mom cares for a lot of feral cats in our community and she is always trying to help the animals in need if she is able to.

Our cat Binks's procedure is a lot of money and my mom is on a fixed income so it would be amazing if you guys are able to post our story!!

If this is not allowed I understand and appreciate your time reading this. Here is Binks' Go Fund Me page."-Brooke Pierce.

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Brooke Pierce

Client ID: P2312201

Estimate ID: 20693

Expiration Date: 2/5/2024

Patient ID:	P2312201-1	Species:	FELINE	Weight:	18.80 pounds	Sex:	Spay
Patient Name:	Binks	Breed:	DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR	Birthday:	09/20/2016		

	Description	Low Qty.	Low Amount	High Qty.	High Amount
12/22/2023	FELINE DENTISTRY	1.00	\$0.00	1.00	\$0.00
12/22/2023	Hospitalization for procedure	1.00	\$46.24	1.00	\$46.24
12/22/2023	Scale and Polish	1.00	\$89.45	1.00	\$89.45
12/22/2023	Dental Radiography--Full Mouth	1.00	\$119.25	1.00	\$119.25
12/22/2023	Intravenous Fluids	1.00	\$0.00	1.00	\$0.00
12/22/2023	IV Catheter - GROUP	1.00	\$0.00	1.00	\$0.00
12/22/2023	IV Catheter Placement	1.00	\$31.54	1.00	\$31.54
12/22/2023	T-Connector extension set	1.00	\$1.53	1.00	\$1.53
12/22/2023	IV Catheter	1.00	\$20.50	1.00	\$20.50
12/22/2023	IV Administration Set	1.00	\$23.71	1.00	\$23.71
12/22/2023	IV Pump Fee Per Day	1.00	\$18.93	1.00	\$18.93
12/22/2023	Lactated Ringers 1l	1.00	\$36.37	1.00	\$36.37

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12/22/2023	IV Administration Set	1.00	\$23.71	1.00	\$23.71
12/22/2023	IV Pump Fee Per Day	1.00	\$18.93	1.00	\$18.93
12/22/2023	Lactated Ringers 1L	1.00	\$36.37	1.00	\$36.37
12/22/2023	INHALANT ANESTHETIC/MONITORING	1.00	\$0.00	1.00	\$0.00
12/22/2023	INHALANT ANESTHESIA	3.00	\$342.21	5.00	\$528.25
12/22/2023	Anesthetic Monitoring	1.00	\$44.14	1.00	\$44.14
12/22/2023	SEDATION/INDUCTION	1.00	\$0.00	1.00	\$0.00
12/22/2023	Propofol IV anesthesia/cc	2.70	\$49.66	2.70	\$49.66
12/22/2023	Glycopyrrolate 0.2 MG/ML x 20ML	1.00	\$25.23	1.00	\$25.23
12/22/2023	Buprenorphine 0.6 mg/mL	1.00	\$37.40	1.00	\$37.40
12/22/2023	BIOHAZARDOUS DISPOSAL FEE	1.00	\$14.00	1.00	\$14.00
12/22/2023	Extraction Surgical Complex	5.00	\$566.50	8.00	\$906.40
12/22/2023	Dental X-ray Post-Extraction per view	5.00	\$149.20	8.00	\$238.72
12/22/2023	Pain Management (cat estimate)	1.00	\$25.00	1.00	\$27.50
12/22/2023	Bupivacaine HCl (5mg/ml) per cc	1.00	\$19.81	1.00	\$19.81
12/22/2023	GINGIVAL FLAP	5.00	\$276.05	8.00	\$441.68
12/22/2023	ClindamycinDoxirobe Periodontal Treatme	0.10	\$32.38	0.10	\$32.38

Low Subtotal: \$1,969.10 High Subtotal: \$2,752.69

Tax:	\$7.42	Tax:	\$7.42
Low Total:	<u>\$1,976.52</u>	High Total:	<u>\$2,760.11</u>

Brooke Pierce photo.

Lakeville Firefighters respond to Assawompset Elem. School for high levels of Carbon Monoxide, smoke

“Fire alarm activation alerts firefighters to burner malfunction at Assawompset Elementary School.

The alarm rang into the station just after 5 am, bringing Engine 2 to the scene. The investigating firefighters encountered a smoke condition in this building, prompting a recall of off-duty firefighters. Engine 1, Tower Ladder 1, Engine 3, Car 1, and Car 2 joined the response.

Air quality was checked and high levels of carbon monoxide

were found in addition to the smoke. Firefighters disabled the heating equipment and began ventilating the building. Crews used fans to remove the smoke and CO from the building. Firefighters worked for more than an hour with FLRSD officials to make the building safe.



Lakeville, MA Fire Department photo.

By the time the children arrived at school all portions of the building had been completely vented and free of smoke and carbon monoxide. Heat was also restored to the building.

Firefighters returned later in the morning to perform further air quality monitoring out of an abundance of caution.

Chief O'Brien would like to commend the effort of his firefighters, "the crew hustled to make sure the building was safe and ready for the school day". The Chief also appreciated the efforts of school officials who assisted with operations."-Lakeville, MA Fire Department.

New Bedford Police Department responds to shots-fired early Friday night

At approximately 8:00pm, Friday night, the New Bedford Police Department received several reports of "shots fired" in the city's North End.

Upon arrival to Worcester Street not far from the Burger King and railroad tracks, police officers and New Bedford EMS discovered one adult male suffering from a gunshot wound.

It is early in the investigation so at this point police are unsure what led up to the shooting.

Lt. Scott Carola said the adult male has non-life threatening injuries.

This is an ongoing story and we will update this article with more details as they come in.

West Bridgewater Man Who Rented A Room at a Day Care Arrested for Child Pornography

A West Bridgewater man was arrested yesterday for allegedly receiving child pornography from an online communication application.

Juan Levano, 23, was charged by criminal complaint with one count of receipt of child pornography. Levano was arrested yesterday morning and, following an initial appearance in federal court in Boston, remains in federal custody.

According to the charging documents, an investigation into an internet-based communications application used for the trafficking of child pornography identified Levano as a likely user of the platform who participated in at least two groups where child pornography was disseminated.

Search warrants were executed yesterday at the residence where Levano resides and seized various electronic devices. According to the charging documents, Levano rented a room at the residence, which is registered as a residential daycare. Both Levano and the owner of the residence denied that Levano worked at the residential daycare and denied that Levano had any contact with the children who attend it.

It is alleged that Levano admitted to being a member of several groups on the chat application and obtaining child pornography from those groups – estimating that his collection included imagery of children ranging from infancy to 13 years

old. A preliminary review of Levano's phone allegedly revealed that Levano was a member of several active groups on the platform that included the exchange of child pornography. It is further alleged that more than 100 video and image files were identified, most of which appear to depict child pornography, and stored in a photo application on Levano's phone. Forensic analysis of the seized devices is ongoing.

The charge of receipt of child pornography provides for a sentence of at least 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. 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.

Members of the public who have questions, concerns or information regarding this case should call 617-748-3274.

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. Valuable assistance was provided by the West Bridgewater Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jessica L. Soto of the Office's 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 Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) to Provide Free Service After 8 PM on New Year's Eve

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) today announced that free service on all modes will be available after 8 PM on December 31 through the end of the service day to help support safe celebrations on New Year's Eve. Full holiday service schedule information is available at [mbta.com/holidays](https://www.mbta.com/holidays).

December 31: Increased New Year's Eve Service:

- **Subway:** All subway lines will operate on a Sunday schedule with increased service after 3 PM.
- **Buses and The RIDE:** Buses and The RIDE will operate on a Sunday schedule.
- **Ferry:** Charlestown ferry services will end at 6 PM.
- **Commuter Rail:** The Commuter Rail will operate on a weekend schedule and provide late-night service with last trains held at North and South Stations until after midnight.
- **CharlieCard Store:** The CharlieCard Store will be closed on the observed December 31, New Year's Eve Day (and also observed on December 29, 2023).

January 1: New Year's Day Schedule

- Sunday Schedule: All subway lines, buses, and The RIDE will operate on a Sunday schedule.
- Weekend Schedule: The Commuter Rail will operate on a weekend schedule.
- Closed: All ferry services will not operate and the CharlieCard Store will be closed.