

Boston Police Department announces passing of K-9 “Dexter”

“Sad to hear of the passing of one of our own. Retired BPD K-9, Dexter, an 8-year veteran of the department who worked tirelessly to protect and serve our city, recently passed.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with his former partner and handler.

A dual purpose K-9 who excelled in both patrol and narcotics, Dexter, who was 10-years-old at the time of his passing, will be missed.”-Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association.



Boston Police Patrolmen's Association photo.

18-year old Massachusetts man

indicted for allegedly donating to ISIS for war on “unbelievers”

“A Wakefield, Mass. man was indicted today for knowingly concealing the source of material support or resources that he intended to go to a foreign terrorist organization, namely the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS).

Mateo Ventura, 18, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Boston on one count of knowingly concealing the source of material support or resources to a foreign terrorist organization. Ventura will appear in federal court at a later date. Ventura was previously arrested and charged by criminal complaint in June 2023.

According to the charging documents, Ventura provided multiple gift cards to an individual he believed was an ISIS supporter, with the intention that the gift cards be sold on the dark web for a little less than face value and resulting profits be used to support ISIS. Ventura allegedly stated that he wanted the proceeds to go to ISIS “for war on kuffar,” (disbelievers). In total, it is alleged that between January and May 2023, Ventura donated \$705 intended to support ISIS.



The charge of knowingly concealing the source of material support or resources to a foreign terrorist organization provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, 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; Assistant Attorney General Matthew G. Olsen for the Justice Department's National Security Division; and Jodi Cohen, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Timothy H. Kistner and Laura J. Kaplan of the National Security Unit are prosecuting the case. Valuable assistance was provided by Trial Attorneys Charles Kovats and Andrea Broach of the Justice Department's National Security Division.

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.

New Bedford Police Department wants your extra phones for domestic violence victims

“Do you have a phone that you’re not using? Did you know that those who are struggling with domestic violence often have phones that are being controlled by their abuser?

The phone you donate might be the lifeline that someone needs to place a much-needed call for help. This month, the NBPD is partnering up with the “Women’s Center” to get emergency phones into the hands of people who need them.

If you have one that you can donate, please bring it by police headquarters on Rockdale Ave. Thank you!!”-City of New Bedford Police Department.

Massachusetts Police searching for person who ran over dog, offer reminder about leash laws

“Shortly before 7: 00 a.m. on October 16, 2023, a dog was struck and injured on City Depot Road. The vehicle that struck the dog did not stop and has not been identified yet. If

anyone who was in the area of City Depot Road this morning, has any information regarding this incident they are asked to contact the Charlton Police Department at 508-248-2250 or the Charlton Animal Control Officer at 508-248-2398. So that we can follow up on the incident.

MOTORISTS are reminded that Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 272, Section 80 H requires the operator of a motor vehicle that strikes and injures or kills a dog or cat shall forthwith report such an accident to the owner or custodian of said dog or cat or to a police officer in the town wherein such accident has occurred.

A violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 for a first offense or not more 10 days in a house of corrections and a fine of \$500 and the cost of medical expenses, not to exceed \$2,500, imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than 6 months or both such fine and cost and imprisonment for a second and subsequent offense. Nothing in this section shall preclude a civil cause of action including, but not limited to medical expenses, by the aggrieved party.

DOG OWNERS are reminded that Charlton has a 24-hour leash law that requires a dog to be on a leash or a substantial chain and under the control of a person competent to restrain it so that it shall not be a threat to public safety. Any dog which is permitted to wander on private property of others or on public ways without proper restraint is considered an "at large dog" that is not in compliance with this by-law."- Charlton Police Department.

Dominican national pleads guilty to illegal reentry after serving prison sentence, being deported

"A Lawrence man pleaded guilty in federal court in Boston to illegally reentering the United States after been deported.

Francisco Araujo Lara, 43, pleaded guilty on Oct. 11, 2023 to one count of unlawful reentry of a deported alien. U.S. District Court Judge Indira Talwani scheduled sentencing for Jan. 25, 2024.

Araujo Lara, a citizen on the Dominican Republic, was deported from the United States in September 2019, after serving an 18–30-month state sentence for a cocaine distribution conviction. Sometime thereafter, Araujo Lara unlawfully reentered the United States. In 2022, he was arrested in Lawrence for heroin and cocaine distribution. Araujo Lara pleaded guilty to the charges and was sentenced to 30 months in prison.

The charge of unlawful reentry of a deported alien provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, three years 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 Todd M. Lyons, Field Office Director, Boston, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Enforcement and Removal Operations made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney David G. Tobin of the Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case."

Massachusetts' Shelter Guarantee Could Lapse At Month's End, Guv Says

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State House News Service

While its right-to-shelter law will remain in place, Massachusetts may not be able to guarantee shelter for immigrant families as soon as the end of this month as the state's shelter system reaches capacity, Gov. Maura Healey said Monday.

The governor appointed a new emergency assistance director to lead operations "in this new phase" of the ongoing emergency shelter crisis. Lt. General Leon Scott Rice, former director of the Air National Guard and adjutant general of the Massachusetts National Guard, will take the job to "work across our incident command structure in a close collaboration with local officials and stakeholders."

There are close to 7,000 families (close to 23,000 people) enrolled in the state's emergency shelter system, Healey said Monday – over double the number of individuals enrolled at this time last year, and even up significantly from the 5,600 families being housed when Healey declared a state of emergency in August.

"We do not have enough space, service providers or funds to safely expand beyond 7,500 families, we expect to hit that limit at the end of the month," Healey said during a press conference in Room 157 of the State House. "From that point on, we'll no longer be able to guarantee shelter placement for

new families entering.”

In an effort to move some people out of shelters, Healey also announced steps to place migrants in housing and jobs.

The administration is shifting its strategy to prioritize access to the home-base rehousing program, rental assistance, and private sponsorships for families who’ve been in shelter the longest, Healey said.

The governor once again called upon the federal government to streamline work authorizations for immigrants, to help them get on their feet, but changed her tune Monday – this time saying, “we are not waiting any longer.”

“We are connecting as many shelter residents as we can to work opportunities. First, we’re working with shelters and employers to help match work eligible residents with jobs. That work is being led by our MassHire Regional Offices and Workforce Boards, and they are getting results,” Healey said. “For example, MassHire South Shore is working with Dunkin Donuts to connect shelter residents to 30 open jobs.”

The governor said the state is also developing a new job training initiative with the nonprofit arm of the Commonwealth Corporation Workforce Agency.

The governor said her administration is not getting rid of Massachusetts’ “right-to-shelter” law, but will not be able to fulfill it when the system reaches its max capacity.

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Brouthers, Massachusetts native, honored with prestigious national award

“BayCoast Bank (baycoast.bank) is excited to announce a prestigious national honor for its top legal advisor. Casey Brouthers, Esq., Vice President, Associate General Counsel for the Bank, has received the 2023 Emerging Leader Award from the American Bankers Association (ABA).

Brouthers was one of twelve banking professionals nationwide to receive the award, which was presented during the ABA’s Annual Convention held October 8-10 in Nashville, Tennessee. The ABA Emerging Leader Award recognizes the next generation of bank leaders who are committed to the highest standards of achievement and service to their industry as well as their local communities.

This is the second time this year that Brouthers has received a distinguished leadership award. She was previously named an Emerging Leader by the Massachusetts Bankers Association in May 2023.

A graduate of Stonehill College in Easton, Massachusetts with a bachelor’s degree in criminology, Brouthers began her career at BayCoast Bank in 2020 as Vice President, Regulatory Policy and Enterprise Risk Strategist, becoming Vice President, Associate General Counsel just over a year later.

In 2010, she started her career in community banking, gaining experience in a number of roles, including teller, customer service representative, and loan processor. Her immediate success in the banking industry led Brouthers to explore exciting new opportunities while expanding her education, graduating from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Law School in 2019.

She is licensed to practice law in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

An active participant in numerous local organizations, Brouthers is a member of the Fall River Mayor's Task Force to End Homelessness and the Massachusetts Governor's Advisory Committee (GAC) for Lead Poisoning Prevention. She is also a volunteer for Credit for Life, a financial literacy program offered by BayCoast Bank, which helps high school students gain real-world critical money management skills for the real world.

"Casey's dedication to her profession, leadership skills, and personal integrity are constantly demonstrated, making her more than worthy of this prestigious award from the American Bankers Association," said Nicholas M. Christ, President and CEO of BayCoast Bank, a long-time community savings bank serving the people and businesses on the South Coast of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. "Our entire BayCoast family extends its heartfelt congratulations."

A Taunton, Massachusetts native, Brouthers currently lives in North Dighton, MA, with her husband, Kyle, one-year-old son, Levi, and their dog, Benji. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and advocating for her community.

Founded in 1875, the ABA is a dynamic and progressive organization that is at the heart of innovations that help bankers serve their customers. Today, the ABA delivers the latest industry news and mission-critical training opportunities to help support America's banks as they perform their vital role in energizing the economy and helping communities thrive.

BayCoast Bank is a long-standing community bank providing financial products and services to the people and businesses of Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island through 25 branches and loan production offices, with more coming soon. The Bank offers a family of complete financial services through its subsidiaries: BayCoast Mortgage, BayCoast Financial Services, BayCoast Insurance, Plimoth Investment Advisors, and Priority Funding. For more information, visit baycoast.bank or call 508-678-7641."

Acushnet Fire & EMS announce line of duty death of retired Chief Paul Cote

"With sadness, we regret to announce the Line of Duty death of Retired Chief Paul Cote due to occupational cancer!

Chief Cote was appointed as a Call Firefighter in 1979, promoted to Career Firefighter in 1985 and promoted to Chief in 1988. He served as Chief until his retirement in 2003!

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Rochelle, his children and all of his extended family!"-Acushnet Fire & EMS Department.

