

# Massachusetts resident pleads guilty to hunter harassment

On Saturday, January 4, 2020, a group of sportsmen legally engaged in hunting were confronted by a local resident in Haverhill. Prior to the arrival of law enforcement, the resident continued to pursue the group in his personal vehicle. Upon their arrival, the hunters spoke with authorities and the resident was sent home. Once law enforcement departed the scene, the resident returned and continued to harass the group.

On Tuesday, March 3, 2020, the resident pleaded guilty to the charge of hunter harassment in Haverhill District Court.

Under Massachusetts law, no person shall obstruct, interfere with or otherwise prevent the lawful taking of fish or wildlife by another. Prohibited acts include, but are not limited to, blocking, following, impeding, or otherwise harassing another engaged in the lawful taking of fish or wildlife.

Punishment for harassing a hunter is a monetary fine up to \$500 and/or 14 days in jail. A person who sustains damage from an act in violation of the law may seek civil action for punitive damages.

For more information, please visit:  
<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIX/Chapter131/Section5C>

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# Swansea Robbery Leads to Six to 10 Year Prison Term

A 48-year-old Newport, RI man who robbed two Swansea pharmacy clerks was sentenced to serve six to 10 years in state prison, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Anthony Orr pleaded guilty today in Fall River Superior Court to a single count indictment charging him with Unarmed Robbery.

On September 19, 2017, a black male with a blue poncho, black gloves, and a mask entered Rite-Aid in Swansea. The man approached the register with his hand under the poncho and demanded the clerks open the register. The suspect took the cash from the register and demanded to see the safe. The suspect was brought upstairs by the cashiers to the money counting room. The safe was then opened and the suspect took the cash and ordered the clerks to get on the floor. The suspect fled the store with about \$2, 000 in stolen cash.

A Swansea Police Officer heard of the robbery on his radio and moments later, observed a car speeding down the road. The officer pulled the car over and saw black gloves in driver's pocket. A blue poncho was also found in the car, along with around \$2,000 in cash found in defendant's pocket.

The defendant has served significant prison time in the past in the state of Maryland.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Daniel Walsh and the state prison term was imposed by Judge Renee Dupuis.

"The defendant has a prior out of state conviction for robbery, but continues to engage in the same violent conduct.

Fortunately he was held without bail as a danger to the community until the case was resolved. The sentence imposed by the court is appropriate and necessary to protect the public," District Attorney Quinn said.

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## **New Bedford cold weather overflow shelter open tonight, March 06**

Due to the expected temperature drop through the evening, the overflow will be opened tonight. All inquiries can be forwarded to Sister Rose House and 1-800-homeless.

All guests should plan to arrive for 6:00pm and the cutoff time will be 8:30pm. Dinner will be served between 6:00pm and 7:30pm and we wrap up between 9:45pm and 10pm.

As a reminder, the overflow will be activated on nights that the temperature is expected to be at 28 degrees or less. If the temperature were to drop below 28 at 4 or 5:00am rather than 7 or 8:00pm as an example, it doesn't ensure that the overflow would open. All guests are expected to get up at 5:00 am and exit the premises by 6 or 7:00am.

Also, precipitation or snow alone doesn't ensure that the overflow will open but are taken into consideration coupled with the temperatures. We also view the feel like temps, so as an example if the temperature was expected to be at 30 degrees but the wind-chill coupled with rain or snow presents or "feels like" 25 degrees then the overflow would be activated.

Every year we always have grey area days but we do the best in

our judgment to make the right call. On days that we are expected to open an email blast will be sent by 12pm.

Also, 1-800-homeless will notify any callers if the overflow will be open on expected days. This will be our 4th season and with all the challenges at any given time, we are hopeful to continue safe operations and save lives, especially on the coldest nights. We also are looking for extra help, especially if the number of guests expected on any given night reaches 30. We also have 25 guests on the main floor so manpower is very important.

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## **Faces Of New Bedford #237: Chops Turner**



Meet 59-year-old entertainer and singer from New Bedford, Chops Turner.

From his earliest memory Chops was surrounded by music. He would attend church with his grandmother who always sang

during the service, and spent time in his grandparent's home where he was introduced to great artists such as BB King, Frank Sinatra, and The Jackson 5. In his teenage years, Chops continued being inspired this time by local artists like Tavares and Jeffrey Osborne so after graduating high school Chops attended CCRI in Lincoln, RI to study Foundation of Music.

Chops worked some jobs along the way to support his dream such as stuffing in mailers into newspapers for the Providence Journal but he always had his eye on becoming an independent singer. Using all available opportunities to get a chance to have his voice heard and network, he spent lots of time traveling, sometimes not knowing if he'd have the means to return him to perform at variety shows, competitions, and events he could network at.

With his raw skill he caught a break by singing in a big talent show called Hollywood Talent Night with Maurice Star, he ended up making acquaintance with a jazz guitarist and pianist named Robert Green who taught Chops a lot while working with him in recording studios in Lawrence and Boston.

Chops always worked hard on his craft and knew networking was key. He's performed at the famous Apollo Theater, sang the National Anthem at Fenway before a Yankees rivalry match, performed in New York alongside all sorts of big names like The Manhattans and The Temptations all while remaining humble with his larger than life laugh.

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*Faces of New Bedford is a New Bedford Guide project being undertaken by Josh Souza. If you'd like to nominate someone or ask a question you can inquire with him through email at [josh@newbedfordguide.com](mailto:josh@newbedfordguide.com).*

Faces of New Bedford began as a project by Colton Simmons. You

can find Colton on Instagram:  
<https://instagram.com/simmonscolton>.

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## **Massachusetts State Police respond to call of stranded seal**

The State Police-Revere Barracks recently received a call reporting that a seal was potentially stranded on Winthrop Beach. Massachusetts State Troopers Carlo Mastromattei and Pasquale Zollo responded to do a well-being check and located the seal resting on the rocks.

The animal did not appear to injured, sick or in distress.

After consulting with Winthrop's Animal Control Officer, who soon arrived on scene as well, the decision was made to leave the seal alone, as he would most likely return to the ocean soon.

The Troopers left and periodically checked on the seal, and sure enough, a few hours later, the beautiful animal made his way back into the friendly waters off the Winthrop coast. We were grateful for the visit."



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## **Massachusetts State Police investigating fatal motorcycle crash**

At approximately 2:47 p.m. today a Massachusetts State Police trooper happened upon a motorcycle crash on the Exit 18 off ramp from Route 90 Eastbound in Boston. The trooper immediately requested EMS to respond as the operator of the motorcycle, identified as Stephen Salazar, 32, of Jamaica

Plain, was suffering from serious injuries.

Preliminary investigation reveals that Salazar was exiting Route 90 when, for reasons unknown at this time, he failed to negotiate the turn causing the motorcycle to overturn. No other vehicles are believed to have been involved in the crash. Members of Boston EMS declared him deceased at the scene.

The Exit 18 ramp was closed for approximately two hours. Troopers were assisted on scene by MassDOT, Boston Fire and Boston EMS. The crash remains under investigation by troopers assigned to State Police-Weston, Troop H Headquarters, State Police Crime Scene Services Section (CSSS), and State Police Collision Analysis Reconstruction Section (CARS).

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## **Julia Chausse of Dartmouth's Bishop Stang Signs On to Play Lacrosse at Simmons University**

Bishop Stang Senior Julia Chausse signed a National Letter of Intent yesterday to play for Simmons University Women's Lacrosse team (in Boston, Massachusetts), a Division-3 team in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. Julia's parents, Don and Paula, her sister Emma, her grandparents Donald and Irene Chausse, and several friends were on hand for the signing. Bishop Stang administrative leaders and the girls' head lacrosse coach, Lauren Pratt, were also in attendance.

Julia has played on the Bishop Stang Varsity Lacrosse team



since her freshman year and is looking forward to her final season playing competitively alongside her sister. Julia first saw Simmons in her junior year and felt it was a good fit “after staying overnight this year because I enjoyed meeting the team members and felt comfortable with them immediately. I had already met Simmons coach Molly Devilbiss at a tournament, and I am looking forward to learning from her.”



*Seated, Julia; standing L to R: Paula, Donald, Irene, Emma, and Donald Jr.*

Although Julia knew she wanted lacrosse to be a part of her college experience, academics are just as important for her. Julia will be studying in the Simmons' Nursing program, and is very excited that “the nursing program at Simmons will provide an opportunity to learn at some of the best teaching hospitals in the world, including Mass General, Dana Farber, Brigham and

Women's and more."

Julia thanked her parents, Don and Paula, her grandparents, and her sister Emma for all of their love and support. She also thanked her friends, teammates, Coach Pratt, and her club coach, Bill Villareal. Julia was especially grateful to her Dad for "teaching her the game that she loves."

The signing took place at Bishop Stang High School in North Dartmouth, MA. Contact Bishop Stang Athletic Director, Dennis Golden for more details on the National Letter of Intent at [dgolden@bishopstang.com](mailto:dgolden@bishopstang.com) or (508) 996-5602 ext 427.

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## **Massachusetts State Trooper arrests two men for Firearms, Narcotics Violations**

On Friday February 28, Trooper Daniel Lawlor was patrolling the Massachusetts Turnpike in Millbury. At approximately 9 a.m. he observed a black Honda Accord with illegal window tint and further observed the license plate to be fully obscured with debris. Trooper Lawlor entered traffic and subsequently stopped the vehicle.

Upon the vehicle coming to a full stop Trooper Lawlor approached it and identified the operator as ISAAC PAYNE, 28, of Show Low, Arizona, and the passenger as DAVID WILSON, 30, of Boston. He informed them why they were stopped, at which point Trooper David Meulenaere arrived on scene to assist.

The Troopers observed the occupants to appear extremely nervous and through subsequent investigation on scene

conducted a search of the vehicle. Trooper Lawlor located a loaded Ruger .357 Magnum revolver as well as clear plastic bag containing a substance believed to be crystal methamphetamine. Neither occupant possessed a license to carry firearms at which point they were both placed under arrest. Also located in the vehicle was a small digital scale, commonly used in the illegal sale of narcotics, two boxes of .357 caliber ammunition, and additional bags containing crystal meth. The total weight of the seized narcotics was 325 grams.

PAYNE and WILSON were transported to State Police-Charlton where they were booked. While at the barracks a computer inquiry was conducted on the serial number of the firearm showing that it was stolen. A bail commissioner was contacted and placed a bail amount of \$30,000 on both men. They were arraigned Monday morning at Westborough District Court on the following charges.

**ISAAC PAYNE:**

- Possession of a Firearm;
- Carrying a Loaded Firearm;
- Improper Storage of a Firearm;
- Possession of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony;
- Possession of Ammunition without FID Card;
- Receiving Stolen Property;
- Trafficking in Methamphetamine;
- Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law;
- Number Plate Violation; and
- Illegal Window Tint.

**DAVID WILSON:**

- Possession of a Firearm;
- Carrying a Loaded Firearm;
- Improper Storage of a Firearm;
- Possession of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony;
- Possession of Ammunition without FID Card;
- Receiving Stolen Property;
- Trafficking in Methamphetamine;

- Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law;
  - Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm; and
  - Failure to Wear Seatbelt.
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# **Attleboro Market Basket Assault During Shoplift Attempt Results in Prison Time**

A 43-year-old Pawtucket, RI man who attempted to stab a grocery store employee after being caught attempting to steal items from the store about two years ago in Attleboro has been sentenced to serve three years in state prison, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Phillip Coulombe pleaded guilty last week in Fall River Superior Court to indictments charging him with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon.

On January 15, 2018, a store security supervisor at the Market Basket in Attleboro observed the defendant playing “Supermarket Sweep” in the aisles of the store. The defendant was running through the aisles and throwing various items into his shopping cart without looking. The security supervisor called up to another employee and asked the other employee to point the store’s surveillance cameras at the defendant.

The security supervisor, believing that the defendant was going to run for the parking lot with his carriage of items, waited for the defendant outside the doors to the store. Once the defendant came through the exit doors, the security

supervisor stopped him and brought him to an upstairs office with the other employee.

While the two employees were speaking with the defendant, a third employee mentioned contacting police. As soon as the third employee mentioned the police, the defendant became extremely agitated and attempted to flee from the store. A brief struggle ensued, at which time the defendant brandished a knife and made stabbing motions at the employees. Once they noticed the knife in the defendant's hand, the two employees backed off and the defendant fled.

The defendant, who had left his driver's license behind at the grocery store was eventually apprehended in Rhode Island on February 8, 2018.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney William Flynn and the three-year state prison term was imposed by Judge Raffi Yessayan.

The defendant has an extensive criminal history involving larcenies and has served committed jail or prison time on multiple occasions for assaults and larcenies.

"This is a career criminal who pulled a knife on store personnel, who were trying to subdue him. He simply cannot obey the law and needed to be locked up," District Attorney Quinn said.

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## **New Bedford Health Department provides information on 2019**

# Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The New Bedford Health Department has posted helpful information on its website regarding the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, or COVID-19. The page is available on the City's home page, [www.newbedford-ma.gov](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov), or on the Health Department's page on the City website, under 'News.' The page will continue to be updated and the City and Health Department will provide more information to share any updates with the public.

Information and important links, including to the federal Center for Disease Control and Massachusetts Department of Public Health websites regarding the virus, are available on the City's page. Information on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus is available online at [www.newbedford-ma.gov/health-department/coronavirus/](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/health-department/coronavirus/).

Recently, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, first detected in China, began spreading to other parts of the world. This virus causes a disease called COVID-19, which can lead to fever, cough and shortness of breath. There are now thousands of confirmed cases internationally, and the virus has begun to spread in the U.S., including a confirmed case of the virus in Massachusetts.

Anyone experiencing symptoms listed below, and has traveled to areas of concern, or has been in contact with someone who has traveled to these areas, should contact their healthcare provider before seeking treatment in person.

This situation will continue to be updated, including on this site and the Center for Disease Control's website regarding the 2019 Coronavirus, which is regularly updated. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health website also includes information about the virus.

## Prevention

The New Bedford Health Department recommends to following steps to prevent the spread of the virus, as well as other viruses:

- Wash your hands often, using soap and warm water, for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- If you are feeling sick, stay home.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, and then throw the tissue in the trash. Cough or sneeze into your sleeve rather than into your hands.
- Clean and disinfect touched objects and surfaces frequently.

## **Symptoms**

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus is a respiratory virus that may cause mild to severe respiratory symptoms including:

- Cough
- Fever
- Trouble breathing/shortness of breath
- Pneumonia (fluid in the lungs) in severe cases

Call ahead to a healthcare provider if you develop these symptoms and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19, or if you live in or have recently traveled to an area with an ongoing spread of the virus. Tell your healthcare provider about your recent travel and/or contact with those who may have been traveling over the past 2-14 days.

## **For recent international travelers to areas of concern:**

If you traveled recently to areas of concern and have symptoms including fever, cough, or trouble breathing:

- Seek medical care right away. Call your healthcare provide

first to tell them about your travel and symptoms.

- Avoid contact with others. Stay home, except to seek medical care.
- Avoid further travel.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and throw the tissue in the trash.
- Practice good coughing etiquette. Cough or sneeze into your sleeve, tissue and/or handkerchief and not your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) if soap and water are unavailable.

### **Important Links**

- [Center for Disease Control COVID-19 Information](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 Information](#)
- [COVID-19 Facts](#)