

Kingston Police arrest 3 after allegedly beating elderly man with a 2x4 piece of lumber

"Shortly after midnight going into today 8/4/23, the Kingston Police Department received a call for a party that had been seriously assaulted.

The injuries were caused when the victim was beaten by multiple suspects and struck multiple times with what appeared to be a 2x4 piece of lumber. The victim was transported to the hospital with significant injuries, including what appears to be a serious head injury and several broken bones. The victim remains at the hospital at this time.

After an extensive investigation throughout the day, members of both the patrol and detective's division were able to identify the suspects and arrest three adult males at three separate residences. One party was arrested without incident in Carver. Two other suspects who were at their respective addresses failed to answer the door for our officers and appeared to be home and evading contact with law enforcement. Subsequently, warrants were requested and granted by Plymouth District Court.

Residents of a small residential street off of Main Street may have seen several cruisers in the area as well as a combination of plain clothes and uniformed officers surrounding two nearby homes at approximately 7pm today. Officers utilized a shield and loudly announced their presence.

At the first residence, officers informed the suspect of the warrant and ordered him to open the door on several occasions.

The suspect failed to do so and the door was forcibly opened by our detectives. The resident was then taken into custody without incident. Upon the forcible entry into the first residence, the other suspect then exited his home and was taken into custody without incident.

All three suspects are charged with:

- Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon on a victim 60+
- Assault and Battery resulting in Serious Bodily Injury on victim 60+
- Assault and Battery on a victim over 60+ years old
- Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon
- Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon With Serious Bodily Injury
- Assault and Battery

The suspects will be arraigned on Monday morning at Plymouth District Court and are assumed innocent until proven guilty.”- Kingston Massachusetts Police Department.

New Bedford has roadwork sites for the upcoming week of July 31, 2023 – August 4, 2023

“The City of New Bedford has roadwork sites for the upcoming week of July 31, 2023 – August 4, 2023, and they are as follows:

Eversource will be working on gas main relays and services on:

- Main relay on Church St from Carlisle St to Shaw St
- Main relay on Brownell Ave from Hawthorn St to Clarendon St
- Main relay on Rockdale Ave from Allen St to Bluefield St
- Main relay on Gaywood St from Brownell Ave to Town Line
- Regulator work on Potter St at Rockdale Ave headed east towards Nashua St.

Other:

- Contractor (PA Landers) will be working at various locations throughout the city on roadway and sidewalk patches.
- Contractor (PA Landers) will be working on a road reconstruction project at Kilburn Street from Belleville Ave to end.
- Contractor (PA Landers) will be working at the intersection of County St x Union St. Lane closures and detours to be in place.
- Contractor (PA Landers) will be working at MassDOT project #609201, located at the intersection of Acushnet Ave & Peckham Rd/Sassaquin Ave.
- Contractor (PA Landers) will be working on Elm Street from Pleasant Street to Purchase Street, Purchase Street from Elm Street to Middle Street, Middle Street from Purchase Street to Fredrick Douglass Blvd, and Fredrick Douglass Blvd from Middle Street to Elm Street.
- Contractor (SCR Constructors) will continue site work at the future South Coast Rail station platform locations in the city. (Church St at Carlisle St and Wamsutta St at Acushnet Ave.) If you have questions, please email the project team at SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us
- Contractor (Middlesex Corp) will be working on Nash Rd between Church St and Mt. Pleasant St. Traffic will be reduced to one lane and will have police details on site to assist with traffic.
- Contractor (SCR Constructors) will continue site work at the future pedestrian bridge across Route 18 impacting parking along Purchase Street between Willis Street and Pearl Street

and at the Division of Career Services on Acushnet Avenue. Temporary detours may be in place pending construction activities occurring. If you have questions, please email the project team at SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us

- Contractor (PA Landers) will continue work at the road reconstruction project in preparation for final top coarse paving on Clifford St from Acushnet Ave to Ashley Blvd.
 - Contractor (PA Landers) will continue sidewalk work on Phillips Rd from Holly Tree Lane to Monica's Way. Minor traffic impacts and lane shifts required.
 - Contractors (PA Landers and various utility companies) will be working at MassDOT's Kings Highway project. Minor traffic impacts and lane shifts required.
 - Contractor (PA Landers and various contractors) will be working on West Street from Allen Street to Priscilla Street and on Priscilla Street from West Street to Brigham Street on sidewalk work and road reconstruction. Final top course paving is scheduled for Saturday, July 29th, weather permitting. Detours will be in place and police detail will be onsite for assistance."-City of New Bedford.
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Deadlines for obtaining nomination papers for 2023 New Bedford Municipal Election announced

"The Board of Election Commissioners reminds residents that Nomination Papers for the 2023 Municipal Election are available in the Election Office located in City Hall, 133 William Street – Room 114. The deadline for obtaining

nomination papers is Friday, July 28th, at 5 p.m.

Candidates are required to sign up and will be given an information packet that contains the Election Calendar and nomination papers. Before issuance of nomination papers, the candidate must sign a statement containing the person's name, address, and the office the person intends to be a candidate. Anyone other than the candidate must present a signed authorization to secure papers on their behalf. Candidates must obtain 50 certified signatures, per MGL 53 9A, to be eligible to appear on the Preliminary Ballot scheduled for October 3rd.

The Municipal Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2023. In the Preliminary Municipal Election, New Bedford voters will be casting their votes for Mayor, Assessor-At-Large, School Committee, Councilors-At-Large, and Ward Councilors. Please see the attached updated election calendar for further details including information regarding early voting locations and dates.

City of New Bedford

Municipal Election Calendar

Preliminary Election – October 3, 2023

Municipal Election – November 7, 2023

- **APRIL 4**

First day on which nomination papers can be obtained from the office of the Board of Election Commissioners for the offices of Mayor, City Council, Assessor-At-Large, and School Committee. Each candidate must sign with the Board of Election Commissioners before he/she can obtain papers. A signed statement containing the person's name, address, and the office for which the person intends to be a candidate. Each candidate will be issued five (5) nomination papers.

- **JULY 28 by 5:00 P.M.**

Last day and hour to obtain nomination papers from the Board of Election Commissioners.

- **AUGUST 1 by 5:00 P.M.**

Last day and hour to submit nomination papers to the Board of Election. Commissioners for certification of signatures.

- **AUGUST 15 by 5:00 P.M.**

Last day and hour to officially accept nomination once signatures certified with the Board of Election Commissioners.

- **AUGUST 17 by 5:00 P.M.**

Last day and hour for filing withdrawals or objections of nomination Papers with the Board of Election Commissioners.

- **SEPTEMBER 22 by 5:00 P.M.**

Last day to register to vote for the Preliminary Election.

- **SEPTEMBER 23/9:00 A.M. TO 4 P.M.**

In-person Early Voting at Main Public Library.

- **SEPTEMBER 26 by 5:00 P.M.**

Last day and hour to apply for a mail-in or absentee preliminary ballot.

- **SEPTEMBER 27/11:00 A.M. TO 3 P.M.**

In-person Early Voting at Taber Mills

- **SEPTEMBER 28/11:00 A.M. TO 3 P.M.**

In-person Early Voting at Hazelwood Senior Center.

- **OCTOBER 2 by 12:00 P.M.**

Last day and hour to apply for an in-person absentee preliminary ballot

- **OCTOBER 3**

PRELIMINARY ELECTION – POLLS OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

- **OCTOBER 9 by 5:00 P.M.**

Last day and hour to file recount petition with Board of Election
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William Street – Room 114. The deadline for obtaining nomination papers is Friday, July 28th, at 5 p.m.

- **OCTOBER 27 5:00 PM** Last day to register to vote for the Municipal Election.
- **OCTOBER 28 9:00 A.M. TO 4 P.M.** In-person Early Voting at Main Public Library.
- **OCTOBER 31 by 5:00 PM** Last day and hour to apply for a mail-in or absentee election ballot.
- **NOVEMBER 1/11:00 A.M. TO 3 P.M.** In-person Early Voting at Taber Mills.
- **NOVEMBER 2/11:00 A.M. TO 3 P.M.** In-person Early Voting at Hazelwood Senior Center
- **NOVEMBER 6 12:00 P.M.** Last day and hour to apply for the in-person absentee election ballot.
- **NOVEMBER 7** Municipal Election – Polls open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
- **NOVEMBER 17 by 5:00 P.M.** Last day and hour to file for a recount for the Election.”-City of New Bedford.

**Guatemalan living in
Massachusetts convicted of
strangulation, Assault &**

Battery, sentenced

"Defendant previously convicted of strangulation/suffocation and assault and battery.

A Guatemalan man residing in Framingham has been sentenced in federal court in Boston for illegally reentering the United States after deportation.

Carmen Jimenez-Cruz, 42, was sentenced on May 11, 2023 by U.S. District Court Judge Angel Kelley to one year and one day in prison followed by one year of supervised release. Jimenez-Cruz will be subject to deportation proceedings upon completion of his sentence. On Jan. 24, 2023, Jimenez-Cruz pleaded guilty to illegal reentry.

In May 2013, Jimenez-Cruz was encountered by federal immigration authorities after he illegally crossed the Mexican border into Texas without being admitted by an immigration officer. He was removed from the United States in June 2013. One month after his removal, Jimenez-Cruz illegally reentered the United States and, in July 2013, he was again encountered by federal immigration authorities in Texas after having entered the United States without inspection. He was removed from the United States shortly thereafter in July 2013.

On an unknown date and place, Jimenez-Cruz illegally reentered the United States again. In April 2019, federal immigration authorities located Jimenez-Cruz at the Middlesex County House of Correction where he was being held pretrial on unrelated state charges. According to court records, in May 2022, Jimenez-Cruz was convicted of strangulation/suffocation and assault and battery on a family/household member and was sentenced to an 11-month split sentence followed by probation until May 2023. Upon completion of his sentence, Jimenez-Cruz was released from state prison.

Jimenez-Cruz was later located in September 2022 after being

identified as a passenger during a motor vehicle stop in Framingham. Jimenez-Cruz was taken into custody and fingerprints obtained during his booking process were confirmed as an identical match to a prior removal verification document.

United States Attorney Rachael S. Rollins; Todd Lyons, Field Office Director, Boston, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Enforcement and Removal Operations; and Framingham Police Chief Lester Baker made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Suzanne Sullivan Jacobus of Rollins' Major Crimes Unit is prosecuted the case." -Massachusetts Department of Justice.

6-year old struck and killed by Sysco tractor-trailer in Andover

On Tuesday at approximately, 5:00pm the Andover Police and Fire Departments and EMS received reports of a pedestrian versus tractor-trailer accident downtown.

Upon arrival at Elm Square at the intersection of Elm and Main streets, first responders learned that a Sysco tractor-trailer had struck a 6-year-old child in a crosswalk. The gender and name were withheld.

Andover Police Chief Patrick Keefe said that several other people in the area at the time of the crash were taken to a local hospital as a precautionary measure in spite of the fact they were not struck. Keefe said the driver of the Sysco truck did stop and immediately cooperated with police.

Sysco also responded to this crash in a statement, writing “The Sysco family is heartbroken to learn of the tragic death of a pedestrian today in an incident involving one of our vehicles from Sysco Boston. We offer our condolences and prayers to the individual’s family and community and are grieving with them for their loss.”

Multiple eyewitnesses on the scene reported that this particular intersection was incredibly busy and dangerous. For several hours Massachusetts State and Local Police remained on the scene collecting data and had the truck towed. The accident remains under investigation.



Massachusetts Animal Control

discovers sign and beaver tail nailed to tree

"It's true, ACO Jones responded to the area of Stuart Pond yesterday after a report that a beaver tail was nailed to a sign someone posted that reads "Beavers No Gnawing".

ACO Jones called for a Massachusetts Environmental Police Officer to respond.

If you know who may have done this, please contact ACO Jones at the Sterling Police Department or Environmental Police. Information, as always, can be provided anonymously."-Town of Sterling Animal Control.



Newhouse Wildlife Rescue photo.

**Massachusetts State Police
wrangle horses taking a**

stroll on Route 88 in Westport

"MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL:

Who doesn't like a little walk after breakfast some days? This morning before 8, two horses somehow got loose from their stable at a private residence and took a morning trot onto Route 88 in Westport.

Troopers from the State Police Troop D Community Action Team, the State Police-Dartmouth Barracks, and our Mounted Unit responded to help wrangle the wayward duo. The horses' owner had already found the horses and had control of one of them when Troopers arrived on scene.

Trooper Alex Boswell, who apparently watches a lot of western movies, was able to get a rope onto the second horse, and he and the owner walked the horses back home, their morning adventure now complete."-Massachusetts State Police.



Massachusetts State Police photo.



Massachusetts State Police photo.



Massachusetts State Police photo.

Truck barrels through Massachusetts gas station, left dangling over retaining wall

On Wednesday morning, Norfolk Police and Fire Departments received 911 calls about a reported accident at Daley Service Center at the intersection of Main Street and Rockwood Road.

Upon arrival, first responders discovered a chaotic scene: a gas pump ripped out and smashed, obvious damage to a few cars, and a Falvey Linen Supply truck dangling precariously over a retaining wall.

Eyewitnesses on scene reported that the truck plowed through the gas pump, came to a stop, and then sped up again, slamming into a parked Ford Taurus, and Ford pickup truck before coming to stop and teetering over the wall.

It's a minor miracle that no staff, customers, and pedestrians were struck and injured, or worse, killed and there was no fire or gas leak.

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Locals mentioned that the poorly designed roundabout was a common site of minor accidents and felt that it was only a matter of time before a major accident occurred.



Open letter to New Bedford City Councilors regarding motion on Rent Stabilization Ballot Question

The following is an opinion sent to New Bedford Guide. It does not reflect the opinion of New Bedford Guide, nor is it an OP-ED. In fairness and objectivity, we share opinions from our readers whether we agree or disagree with their opinion.

Do you have a counter opinion to this opinion? Have an opinion about something else? Email us at info@newbedfordguide.com.

“Open letter to New Bedford City Councilors,

I am writing to express my strong support for Councilors Shane Burgo, Linda Morad, and Brian Gomes’ motion that would allow

New Bedford voters to exercise democracy by voting on the following non-binding ballot question in the November 2023 election:

“Should the city of New Bedford adopt an ordinance stabilizing rents in order to prevent displacement in the local housing rental market?”

As you know, rent price increases have created increased homelessness and housing insecurity for elders, low-income, working-class, poor, single-parent households, and disabled people living in New Bedford. Rent prices have nearly doubled in the last few years and tripled in the last decade. New Bedford has some of the highest eviction rates and average rental increases in the state. This means that the most at-risk among us are even more vulnerable to displacement, housing insecurity, and homelessness.

Allowing the residents of New Bedford to vote on this non-binding ballot question would be an important step towards ensuring that the voice of the citizens of the city is taken into account in the debate regarding rent stabilization as a potential tool to address the current housing crisis. Your support would also allow for a democratic process to take place, giving residents a voice and allowing the results to be a part of the decision-making process.

As such, I strongly urge you to support this motion and provide the opportunity for New Bedford residents to vote on this crucial issue. As you are aware, you were elected to represent the people of the city, and any vote against Councilor Burgo, Morad, and Gomes’ motion is a vote that seeks to limit the voice of the people in New Bedford. I hope that you will allow the people of New Bedford to officially express our stance on rent stabilization.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

In the pursuit of participatory democracy,

Massachusetts sex offender previously convicted of rape, arrested for possessing child pornography

“A Chelsea man was arrested yesterday for possessing child sexual abuse material (CSAM).

Lasall Johnson, 54, was charged with possession of child pornography. Following an initial appearance in federal court in Boston yesterday afternoon before U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Judith G. Dein, Johnson was detained pending a hearing scheduled for March 23, 2023.

According to the charging documents, an investigation into suspected CSAM being exchanged on an online peer to peer file sharing network identified a user located at Johnson’s residence. It is alleged that, during a subsequent search of Johnson’s address, six electronic devices were seized that were found to contain several images and videos depicting CSAM.

In 1989, Johnson was convicted in Norfolk County Superior Court of two counts of assault to rape, for which he received a 20-year state prison sentence with two years committed and the balance suspended for 18 years. As a result of those convictions, Johnson is a Level-2 registered sex offender.

Due to Johnson’s prior convictions, the charge of possession

of child pornography provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 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.

United States Attorney Rachael S. Rollins; Michael J. Krol, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in New England; and Chelsea Police Keith Houghton made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Suzanne Sullivan Jacobus of Rollins' 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 Department of Justice.