

Boston Police Department makes arrest in suspect connected to two indecent assault and batteries in public

At about 2:00 PM on Friday November 13, 2020, officers assigned to District A-1 (Downtown) arrested Fitsum Teklehaimanot, 28, of Chelsea, in the area of 170 Tremont Street in Boston as part of an ongoing investigation currently being led and coordinated by the BPD Sexual Assault Unit. At the time of his arrest, the suspect was wanted in connection to two separate indecent assault and battery cases involving three adult female victims in the Downtown Boston area which occurred on today's date. The suspect will face arraignment on three counts of Indecent Assault and Battery in Boston Municipal Court.

This arrest comes as the Boston Police Department continues to investigate a recent sexual assault in the Public Garden which remains active and ongoing at this time. Anyone with any information is asked to call detectives directly at (617) 343-4400.

Community members wishing to assist anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463).

If you are a victim of a sexual assault that has or has not been reported to police and would feel more comfortable seeking confidential advice from a non-law enforcement agency, the Boston Police Department encourages you to call the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) at 1 (800) 841-8371. BARCC

provides free and confidential counseling, case management, legal, and medical advocacy services to survivors in the greater Boston area. To learn more, please click on the enclosed link: www.barcc.org