

# **Boston Police Officers stop axe and machete wielding man trying to attack group of teens**

“At approximately 5:15 pm, on Monday, November 27, 2023, Officers assigned to the A-1 (Downtown) Drug Control Unit arrested Israel Silva, 51, of Roxbury, on weapons and drug related charges.

Officers were conducting a drug investigation in the area of Temple Place area when they heard a loud disturbance approximately 20 feet away. The officers upon observing what was happening, could see the suspect brandishing a large machete and threatening to attack a group of teens while simultaneously approaching them and challenging them to fight.

The officers quickly abandoned their investigation and rushed in to respond to the disturbance, as the officers were making their approach the suspect stopped and was observed reaching into his right pocket and then brandishing a small axe with his right hand as he held the machete with his left.

The suspect then continued to approach and challenge the group, who then ran off in fear of the suspect. The officers confronted the suspect and were able to successfully de-escalate the situation and place the suspect in handcuffs. Upon conducting a search of the suspect the officers recovered: 30 individual packets of K-2 Synthetic Marijuana, 16 Suboxone Strips, and a small digital scale.

Silva was placed under arrest and charged with: 2 counts of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, 2 counts of Possession of a Dangerous Weapon, Possession of class B with intent to distribute, possession of class C with intent to distribute

and disorderly conduct. He is expected to be arraigned in Boston Municipal Court.”-Boston Police Department.