

# Massachusetts plane with three occupants crashes in between homes in Stow

"On Sunday, July 23rd, at 1:06 p.m. Stow Fire responded to 181 Taylor Road for a report of a plane that had crashed. Engine 14, Engine 12, Rescue 17, and Car 20 responded to the scene.

Upon arrival, firefighters found a single engine plane that had crashed in the woods on its roof after taking off from the Minuteman Airfield, in Stow. Crews worked on scene to extricate two trapped parties, and treat a third that had self extricated from the plane.

Maynard Fire, and Boxborough Fire Responded the assist with ambulances to transport two patients from the scene to a landing zone, the third patient was transported by Stow Rescue 17. Hudson Fire responded to provide personnel and equipment.

Professional EMS responded with paramedics to provide additional treatment. Stow Engine 18 and Stow Engine 19 responded to the Minuteman Airfield to secure a landing zone for a Boston MedFlight helicopter and two UMass LifeFlight Helicopters. The Lancaster Fire Department provided an engine to be available for other incidents in the town while crews were on scene.

Officers from the Stow Police Department, Maynard Police Department, and Boxborough Police Department responded and assisted with patient care alongside the Firefighters and EMTs.

Three patients were transported by helicopter to local trauma centers with serious but non-life threatening injuries."-Stow Fire Department.



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## **The LGBTQ Voice on New Bedford Guide reaches 100th episode**

The LGBTQ Voice, produced by Eileen Dugas and Traci Welch of the South Coast LGBTQ+ Network and aired on New Bedford Guide's Facebook page weekly, reached a major milestone last week – 100 episodes!

“With this platform, we’ve been able to discuss important matters, share resources, events, and what’s happening in and around the South Coast LGBTQ+ community,” said Traci Welch. “Thank you New Bedford Guide.”

The first episode aired on January 2nd, 2018, and the most recent episode featuring comedian Karen Williams was the 100th.

“It was important more me to give the LGBTQ community a voice on New Bedford Guide,” said Michae Silvia, the owner of New Bedford Guide.” I thought of the idea in 2017, pitched it to Traci and Eileen and through their hard work, we’ve reached the 100th episode milestone. Traci and Eileen make it happen week after week, I simply provide the outlet.”

You can watch the first episode here:

You can watch all 100 episodes **here**.

The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network (The Network) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit established in 2014 by seven LGBTQ agencies and allied organizations with help from The Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts. More information can be found on their **website** and **Facebook page**.

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## **New Bedford Guide/Fall River Reporter to provide free marketing to South Coast businesses**

We understand that marketing and other budgets are tight and want to take care of our South Coast business community. For the rest of April and all of May, New Bedford Guide and Fall River Reporter will be offering south coast, Massachusetts businesses a free Facebook live stream business spotlight – normally a \$275 value.

Our business live streams are watched by 5,000 – 25,000 people, so it’s a fantastic way to get your product/service

out to the community. You'll be able to talk about your business and show off your products/services. Here is an example:

New Bedford Guide will continue to pay our employees their normal hourly rate to conduct these live streams. Want to support New Bedford Guide? Consider becoming a "Supporter" on Facebook here:

<https://www.facebook.com/becomesupporter/138933502809904/>

To get your no-cost live stream video, please fill out this Google form and we will get back to you within 24-hours to schedule your video. Videos will be scheduled on a first come, first serve, availability basis, but all businesses that fill out the form will get a live video. Business live streams will be conducted on New Bedford Guide or Fall River Reporter's Facebook page, or if preferred Dartmouth Guide, Fairhaven Guide or Tri-Town Guide.

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If you have any issues, please email [leo@newbedfordguide.com](mailto:leo@newbedfordguide.com).

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## **A call for Greater New Bedford, Fall River podcast/videocast talent**

New Bedford Guide and Fall River Reporter are two of the fastest-growing media outlets in Massachusetts. We are looking for talented individuals to host/co-host local and regional talk shows in our New Bedford and Fall River studios.

Much like the show “Shark Tank,” New Bedford Guide and Fall River Reporter will either produce, co-produce or hire you to host your show. We have studio space in New Bedford and Fall River. Besides the studio spaces, we have cameras, video/sound equipment, green screens, and other resources to produce your show and of course our vast media network to disseminate your show to tens of thousands of people.

Check out New Bedford Guide’s ‘The Paul Santos Show’ for an example of a show we produce on a weekly basis, every Monday at 6pm:

Interested? Have an idea for a show? Contact [mike@newbedfordguide.com](mailto:mike@newbedfordguide.com).

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## **Hatch Street Studio Welcomes the Community to their Open House Event This Weekend**

# Open Studios & Holiday Sale 88 Hatch Street Studios

Fri., Nov 17th, Special Preview, 5 - 8pm

8 - 11, 2nd Floor, Music & Dancing w/

**Pumpkin Head Ted**

Saturday & Sunday, Nov 18th - 19th,

11am to 5pm Daily

Join us as we celebrate the art and craft of over 50 talented artists and artisans working in this newly renovated historic mill building in New Bedford's North End. The weekend festivities will include music by steel drum ensemble *El Caribe* on Saturday, and well-known guitarist *Butch McCarthy* playing for us on Sunday. Both days, delectable food will be available from a downtown favorite - *Destination Soups*.

For directions and more information visit our website at [www.HatchStreetStudios.com](http://www.HatchStreetStudios.com) or email us at [contact@HatchStreetStudios.com](mailto:contact@HatchStreetStudios.com)



Now handicap accessible.



Thank you to New Bedford Open Studios and the Mass Cultural Council for their continued support.

THIS WEEKEND!

Hatch Street Studios, New Bedford's largest artist community, is pleased to announce their annual Open Studios / Holiday Sale 2017.

This three-day celebration, popular with art lovers from the Southcoast and the entire New England region for more than 10 years running, offers a look into the professional spaces of 60+ artists working in a restored 19th-century textile mill. Visitors are invited to view the studios, discover their creative processes, and purchase original works of art in a wide variety of media including ceramics, jewelry, photography, wood, glass, painting, and textiles.

The festivities begin on Friday, November 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. We continue throughout the weekend from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with live music on Saturday by steel drum ensemble El Caribe and on Sunday by guitarist Butch McCarthy. Food service will

be available all weekend by Destination Soups. The event is free and open to the public, with plenty of free parking and handicapped accessibility.

Check out their event page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/301052790371346/>  
Visit their website: <https://www.hatchstreetstudios.com/>

### **Hatch Street Studios**

88 Hatch Street

New Bedford, MA 02745

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# **New Bedford Guide and Fall River Reporter form partnership**

New Bedford Guide and Fall River Reporter are forming a content sharing partnership to grow content reach and engagement for both organizations.

“The Fall River Reporter is the strongest social media presence in Fall River, so they are someone we are happy to work with,” said New Bedford Guide’s owner Michael Silvia. “We are both small businesses media organizations thriving in a corporate dominated space and working together makes sense for the future growth of both organizations.”

The agreement primary entails content sharing on each other’s social media platforms and developing FallRiverReporter.com into the leading website for news and information in the Greater Fall River area.

“Although we are fairly new to the media space, the response

has been great,” said a Fall River Reporter spokesperson. “Being #1 in Fall River, we couldn’t think of a better partner to bring us to the next level than the leader in New Bedford, New Bedford Guide.”

*New Bedford Guide reaches over 1 million people each week on social media with over 300,000 readers each month to NewBedfordGuide.com. Fall River Reporter reaches 250,000 people each week through their Facebook page.*

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## How We’ve Massively Succeeded At SpotLighting Restaurants

***Calling all restaurants!*** Real time stat! Our top restaurant video this year received **126,000+ views** and **reached more than 1 million people!!!** Now, we want to help you get these results for YOUR restaurant!

If you’re like most business owners, your biggest problem is trying to keep up with the changing trends of marketing. How can keep up with social media? With the internet? How can you effectively reach customers to keep them walking through your door?

We’ve solved this problem for you. One day, we launched a video spotlight of a local restaurant – and that video reached hundreds of thousands of people! We were amazed!

Our videos are helping dozens of area restaurants flood their doors. We make the process quick and easy, and convenient for you. We have a 100% satisfaction and success rate, delivering clients a full return on their investment. (Every client has been overwhelmed, and sometimes even unprepared, by the huge



response!!!)

Other marketing platforms are reducing in numbers and engagement drastically by the day. We are growing, engaging, interactive, and provide proven real results (at lower prices than any other platform!)

## **HOW IT WORKS:**

New Bedford Guide offers quality, effective video spotlights at low prices! We showcase your food, drink, venue, and entertainment – and we guarantee BIGGER RESULTS than any other advertising platform!

We make filming quick and easy with our streamlined process. New Bedford Guide visits your restaurant once per month and films THREE high quality videos.

You receive all three videos as downloads to own and use as you wish! (Huge value!) We post one video to the New Bedford Guide Facebook page, Twitter page, and Instagram page, as well as YouTube. We can also upload all three to your FB page to make your marketing job even easier.

This makes your restaurant more readily found in Google searches!!! Your website and Facebook will also be included in all postings which also helps you to grow YOUR following!

We don't require a contract...so you have no reason NOT to try it! Don't Miss Out! Limited availability!!! In order to keep our content varied, we must limit the number of restaurants allowed. Space is filling up!

Open to trying this? Contact us at [info@newbedfordguide.com](mailto:info@newbedfordguide.com).

## **Fast Facts:**


- #1 social media presence in Southeastern, MA and growing!!!
- Facebook page has 80,000+ followers!

- Reaching 1.5 – 2 million people every single week!!!
- We offer lower prices and better results than any other marketing platform!
- Rank higher in Google searches
- No contracts, no commitments! We show you results!
- We also operate Fall River Guide, Dartmouth Guide, Tri-Town Guide, Fairhaven Guide, and the Horseneck Beach Page

Post Details


Video

Post


**New Bedford Guide**  
 Published by Michael Silvia (?) · August 30 at 1:00pm · 🌐

Can you believe [The Bar](#) (266 Dartmouth St.) has been open for 1 year already? They serve \$5 fish and chips on Friday, \$5 bacon cheeseburgers on Saturday, FREE pool tables every day and live entertainment three days a week.

Want to enjoy some of the food? Give this video a like, share and/or comment and we'll give away a \$20 gift card to TWO people.



**The Bar - New Bedford, MA**  
01:21

🟢 **Get More Likes, Comments and Shares**  
Boost this post for \$5 to reach up to 3,600 people.

1,080,705 people reached

[Boost Post](#)

1,080,705 People Reached

121,228 Video Views

7,923 Reactions, Comments & Shares

4,950 👍 Like	1,979 On Post	2,971 On Shares
136 ❤️ Love	60 On Post	76 On Shares
8 😂 Haha	0 On Post	8 On Shares
34 😲 Wow	11 On Post	23 On Shares
1 😡 Angry	1 On Post	0 On Shares
1,120 Comments	478 On Post	642 On Shares
1,680 Shares	1,638 On Post	42 On Shares

40,316 Post Clicks

8,496 Clicks to Play ⓘ	4 Link Clicks	31,816 Other Clicks ⓘ
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# New Bedford Guide Holiday

# Events & Small Business Guide

Want to get your small business or event added? Contact [leo@newbedfordguide.com](mailto:leo@newbedfordguide.com).

**Silva & Company Jewelers in the Dartmouth Mall**

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/silvaandcompanyjewelers/](https://facebook.com/silvaandcompanyjewelers/)

**Website:** [silvaandcompanyjewelers.com](https://silvaandcompanyjewelers.com)



Silva & Company Jewelers is a family owned independent jeweler with a strong emphasis on customer service and a personalized experience. Now open in the Dartmouth Mall.

December 13th through December 24th: "12 Days of Diamonds" Each day starting the 13th, we are offering a single featured jewelry item with blowout pricing. Every day a different deal. While supplies last. No rain checks.

**Diamond Event:** (details pending)

**Toy Raffle**

This holiday season we are raising money for families in need. We have been lucky enough to purchase 4 Hatchimals and 1 PJ Mask Headquarters toy (each valued at approximately 59-65 dollars) and are selling raffle tickets for 10 dollars a piece for an opportunity to win either a single Pink (Penguala), Purple (Draggle), or PJ Mask Headquarters. Ticket purchase quantities are not restricted. The toys cannot be purchased outright. Everyone has an equal opportunity. ALL proceeds (100%) will be donated to the United Way of Greater New Bedford! The raffle begins tomorrow at store opening and will continue through December 22nd at store closing and announce the winner via live feed on our Facebook.



**The Vault Gallery of Fine Arts**

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/vault.gallery.fine.art/](https://facebook.com/vault.gallery.fine.art/)

**Website:** [vaultgalleryfinearts.com/](http://vaultgalleryfinearts.com/)

*169 Rockdale Avenue  
South Dartmouth, Massachusetts  
(508) 991-1761*

The Vault Gallery of Fine Arts.. Sleek NYC style Gallery with Nationally Acclaimed Artists ...and Unique GIFTS..We have that special something you have been looking for at affordable prices as low as \$15.00. Visit "The Vault" at 169 Rockdale Ave. South Dartmouth open Wed.-Sat.11-5.

Like Us on Facebook and check out our website:  
[www.vaultgalleryfinearts.com](http://www.vaultgalleryfinearts.com)

Shop Small Saturday Nov.26 for American Express 2X rewards.  
Leave here with a beautiful festive package.

~Cheers and Happy Holidays for your friends at "The Vault"~

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### **New Bedford Antiques Center @ Wamsutta Place**

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/newbedfordantiques/](https://facebook.com/newbedfordantiques/)

Located in the U.S. National Register of Historical Places, the Wamsutta Mills. The Center is home to over 200 dealers and consigners featuring antiques and collectibles from early Americana to Mid-Century to today's treasures. With specialty stores within the Center which include a flower shoppe boutique, an ephemera store, the cast-iron store and vintage clothing you can see why Tripadvisor.com. states "When visiting Historic New Bedford the Center is one of the Top things to do!"

The Center is also the largest antique consignment venues in the Southcoast Region. So if you have one piece or an estate full of treasures, the Center will preview your items and consign them. The staff has over 100 years of collective knowledge in the antique trade from buying to selling to refinishing to retailing. Located less than a  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile from

Route 195 and minutes from the National Park in Downtown New Bedford...You will see why Shermans Travel Blog states " When visiting New Bedford, the Center is the standout among the antique shops!"

Happy Thanksgiving from All of us at The New Bedford Antique Center. We will be CLOSED for the Holiday but will be OPEN on Black Friday 1100-500pm and the weekend 1100-600pm. Don't forget our December Dealer Days on December 17th and 18th! and we will be OPEN on New Years Day 2017.

*61 Wamsutta St  
New Bedford, Massachusetts  
(508) 991-8700*

**Website:** [newbedfordantiquescenter.com](http://newbedfordantiquescenter.com)

Two Events of note, open throughout the holiday season:

**Dealer Days:** [facebook.com/events/551699435028091/](https://facebook.com/events/551699435028091/)

**New Years Day Event:** [facebook.com/events/1803060083282827/](https://facebook.com/events/1803060083282827/)



**Popup Shop at The Allen C.Haskell Public Gardens**

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/thetrusteessegardens/](https://facebook.com/thetrusteessegardens/)

**Website:** [www.thetrustees.org/](http://www.thetrustees.org/)

## **Facebook**

**Event:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/706532792849581>

Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens – In the heart of New Bedford lies the former nursery of Allen C. Haskell: six acres of beautifully landscaped gardens, historic buildings, and more than half an acre of greenhouse space. With this location and array of elements, Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens provides an unrivaled opportunity for The Trustees of Reservations to save precious urban green space and to engage South Coast communities through horticulture, recreation and education.

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## **Edible Arrangements**

101 President Avenue, Fall River – 508-730-3410

85 Faunce Corner Road, Dartmouth – 508-858-5450

**Dartmouth Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/EdibleDartmouth/](http://www.facebook.com/EdibleDartmouth/)

**Fall River Facebook:** [facebook.com/EdibleFallRiver/](http://facebook.com/EdibleFallRiver/)

**Website:** [ediblearrangements.com/stores/85B-Faunce-Corner-Rd-North-Dartmouth-MA-02747](http://ediblearrangements.com/stores/85B-Faunce-Corner-Rd-North-Dartmouth-MA-02747)

Edible Arrangements® of Dartmouth and Fall River is proudly owned by two sisters servicing the local community they were raised in. We have a variety of irresistibly fresh products including handcrafted fruit bouquets, gourmet chocolate Dipped



Fruit™ and a dozens of fresh fruit treats.

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\$109 | \$139 | \$179 | \$209\* | \$239 | \$269  
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New! Merry Christmas Edible®  
Signature Chocolate Box  
18-piece: \$57\* | 36-piece: \$114  
Product #: 4723



Season's Greetings Celebration™  
\$75 | \$95 | \$115\*  
Product #: 4669



Christmas Tree Bouquet™  
\$85 | \$105 | \$125\*  
Product #: 4712



'Tis the Season Swizzle Trio®  
\$46 | \$92\*  
Product #: 4691



Very Merry Christmas Tree Berries™  
\$55 | \$110\*  
Product #: 3970



Joyous Christmas Dipped Fruit™ Box  
\$55 | \$110\*  
Product #: 3978



Merry Christmas Caramel Apple -  
'Tis the Season  
\$49  
Product #: 4040



Season's Greetings Celebration™  
Dipped Bananas & Holiday  
Swizzle Berries®  
\$100 | \$122 | \$144\*  
Product #: 4672



Season's Greetings Daisy with  
Holiday Swizzle Berries®  
\$59 | \$67\*  
Product #: 4668



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**Pink Box Desserts**

85 Faunce Corner Mall Rd  
North Dartmouth, Massachusetts  
(774) 992-7334

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pinkboxdessertsdartmouth/>

Visit our shop daily for at least 12 flavors of cupcakes. An entire case dedicated to french macarons, single pastries, cannolis piped to order, dessert cakes and birthday cakes to grab and go. If you need a cake serving more than 10 people you must order ahead. We also have fabulous lilly pulitzer accessories, gift items, stationery and many unique snack and candy options.



### **Sugar Cloth**

Come on in shop our amazing womens and men's clothing showroom, accessories and gifts showroom and of course we have Pink Box Desserts to go.

384 Elm Street  
South Dartmouth, Massachusetts  
(774) 206-6465

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sugarclothdartmouth/>

## **Divine Hair Salon**

700 Ashley BLVD, New Bedford

(508) 995-1825

<https://www.facebook.com/Divinehairsalon700/>

<http://www.divinehairsalon.org/>





Divine Hair Salon is a full service hair salon offering the latest in styles and services in New Bedford. Opened in November 2012, they have a stellar reputation in their community, renowned for a warm and friendly atmosphere and exceptional service, which together ensures their clientele leave the salon looking and feeling beautiful.

The salon recently became an ARROJO Ambassador Salon, the only salon in New Bedford carrying Nick Arrojo's amazing product line. This holiday season our ARROJO Gift sets will make the perfect gift. Available now with your choice of shampoo, conditioner & body wash for only \$40. Give her the gift that "always fits" a Divine Hair Salon gift certificate. Come in on Christmas Eve and purchase a gift certificate with a value of \$100 or more and we'll give you a \$10 gift certificate to enjoy yourself! One occurring special we always offer our clients is a \$15 blowout every 2nd Saturday of each month!

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## **December 16**

### **Harrington Park Tree Lighting**

Date and Time: Friday, December 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Harrington Park located at Court Street and Tremont Street (across from Hathaway School)

## **December 17**

### **Bullard Street Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting**

Date and Time: Saturday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Riverside Park on the corner of Belleville Avenue and Tallman Street

### **Custom House Square Shop Saturday**

Date: Saturday, December 17th 12 Noon-5p.m.

Location: Custom House Square (Intersection of William Street and Acushnet Avenue in the Historic Downtown)

Downtown will be full of holiday spirit, with an array of festive activities in and around Custom House Square including: Free horse drawn carriage rides, pictures with Mr.

& Mrs. Claus on the big red sled, a complimentary gift wrapping station, The Trustees of Reservations Greens (swags/wreaths) sale, The Whaling City Knots will demonstrate and sell their decorative rope creations, plus Mass in Motion Winter Farmer's Market! [www.destinationnewbedford.org/events](http://www.destinationnewbedford.org/events)

### **December Dealer Days 2016 (11am – 6pm)**

NEW BEDFORD ANTIQUES CENTER @ wamsutta place  
61 Wamsutta St, New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

Dealers on Site...Store-Wide Savings...Refreshments...Live Music...Free Admission to the New Bedford Glass Museum...Door Prizes...Last Minute Shopping Ideas!.... Gift Certificates!

## **December 18**

### **December Dealer Days 2016 (11am – 6pm)**

NEW BEDFORD ANTIQUES CENTER @ wamsutta place  
61 Wamsutta St, New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

Dealers on Site...Store-Wide Savings...Refreshments...Live Music...Free Admission to the New Bedford Glass Museum...Door Prizes...Last Minute Shopping Ideas!.... Gift Certificates!

## **January 1**

### **New Years Day Alternative 2017 (11am – 6pm)**

NEW BEDFORD ANTIQUES CENTER @ wamsutta place  
61 Wamsutta St, New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

Come celebrate the New Year with us at the Center...Bring your family and relax with some antiquing and great company! Refreshments and musical entertainment and FREE admission to the Museum of Glass.  
Details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1803060083282827/>

Want to get your small business or event added? Contact [leo@newbedfordguide.com](mailto:leo@newbedfordguide.com).

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## PAST EVENTS

### December 2

#### **Cove Street Neighborhood Group Tree Lighting**

Date and Time: Friday, December 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Park on the corner of Ruth Street and Salisbury Street

#### **AHA! Holiday Shop & Stroll**

Date and Time: Friday, December 2nd 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, December 3rd 12 Noon to 4 p.m.

Location: Downtown New Bedford

On Dec. 2 and 3, New Bedford area residents are invited to stroll the festively decorated cobblestoned streets of the Whaling City's downtown, to shop locally for holiday gifts, hear caroling, dine out, jump aboard fire truck rides, meet Santa, witness the city's tree lighting and more.

<http://www.ahanewbedford.org/holiday-stroll.php>

#### **Benoit Square Lighting – 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Benoit Square, Main & Adams Streets in Fairhaven**

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will host a sing-along, light the decorated square, and welcome Santa Claus to North Fairhaven. Free. For more information, email [silverado504@msn.com](mailto:silverado504@msn.com) or call Jef at 508-990- 3534.

#### **Padanaram Holiday Stroll – 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

Come get into the Holiday spirit with Salt the Spa on Elm. Parking will be available at St. Mary's parking lot. Get ready



for all of the fun festivities! Full details: <https://www.newbedfordguide.com/event/padanaram-holiday-stroll>

## December 3

**New Bedford Christmas Auction – 12:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

New Bedford Inn & Suites on 500 Hathaway Road

Full

details: <https://www.newbedfordguide.com/event/new-bedford-christmas-auction>



# Christmas Auction

**--> December 3rd <--**



**@ New Bedford Inn & Suites**

**On Hathaway Road**

**Pre - Sale @ 12-2 pm**

**Auction Starts @ 2pm**

***Come On Down ! Bid & Save !***

**✓ TOYS ✓ ELECTRONICS**

**✓ HOUSEHOLDS ITEM'S & MUCH MORE**

***• EVERYTHING MUST GO •***

**!! GAMES & PRIZES !!**



**!! SNACK BAR WILL BE OPEN !!**

**City of New Bedford Official Christmas Tree Lighting**

**Date and Time: Saturday, December 3rd at 4:30 p.m.**

Location: Pleasant Street in Front of Main Library Downtown  
Join Mayor Jon Mitchell, New Bedford City Councilors and the New Bedford community for the annual tree lighting celebration! At 4:30 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will lead a parade up William Street to the Main Library. The parade will feature the award-winning New Bedford High School Whaler Marching Band and the All-City Middle School Marching Band and Color Guard. The countdown celebration will feature holiday songs by New Bedford pop girls group "Preminishun," greetings from local elected officials and an appearance by Santa Claus! Finally, the ceremony will conclude with a spectacular surprise—you don't want to miss this fiery hot finale sponsored by the Office of New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell. New Bedford Community Services Department will also serve complimentary hot chocolate!

## **December 4**

### **Festival of Lights Celebration at Clasky Common Park**

Date and Time: Sunday, December 4th at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Clasky Common Park at County and Pope Streets

Join the countdown celebration to illuminate festive displays of dazzling lights throughout Clasky Common Park. Members of the Parker Elementary School chorus will perform and Santa Claus is expected to join the celebration!

### **Neediest Families Fundraising Event (12-8pm)**



In 1921, The Standard-Times founded the Neediest Families Fund to make the holidays a happier time for underprivileged children and their families in Greater New Bedford. Since then, thousands of dollars have been raised to help families and children by providing them with warm clothes, food and gifts for the holiday season.

Details: <https://www.newbedfordguide.com/event/free-neediest-families-fundraising-event>

## December 5

### **Monte Park Tree Lighting**

Date and Time: Monday, December 5th at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Monte Park located at Acushnet Avenue and Cannon Street

## December 10

### **Far North End Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting**

Date and Time: Saturday, December 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Fire Station # 5, 3665 Acushnet Avenue

# December 12

## Ashley Park Tree Lighting

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Ashley Park on the corner of Rivet Street and Bolton Street

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# Final Report Regarding Police Involved Shooting of Arthur DaRosa at Taunton Galleria Mall

On the evening of May 10, 2016 Arthur DaRosa drove his car head-on into the vehicle of Paula Giannini on Myricks Street in Taunton. DaRosa then entered the home of Kathleen and Patricia Slavin at 270 Myricks Street, assaulted both women, found a steak knife in a drawer, and stabbed both of them several times. Eighty-year-old Patricia Slavin died as a result of her wounds.

Kathleen Slavin was left seriously injured when DaRosa fled from the house, re-entered his vehicle and drove to the Taunton Silver City Galleria. Upon his arrival at the mall, DaRosa crashed his car into the north entrance of Macy's department store. DaRosa left behind his disabled vehicle, entered Macy's and physically assaulted several women inside as he moved through the store to an entrance/exit on the east side. DaRosa exited Macy's, ultimately entering into a Bertucci's Restaurant from inside of the mall.

Inside the restaurant, DaRosa stabbed waitress Sheena Savoy

several times with a steak knife. George Heath, a patron who was sitting nearby, attempted to intercede on Ms. Savoy's behalf and was fatally stabbed by DaRosa. James Creed, an armed off-duty Deputy Sheriff was also having dinner. Creed also attempted to intercede in the assaults and he ordered DaRosa to cease his attack, drop the knife and get on the ground. DaRosa refused these commands and advanced on Creed. Creed discharged a single round at DaRosa, mortally wounding him.

Taunton, Raynham, Berkley, Lakeville and State first responders and emergency medical services responded to the scene. An investigation by the Taunton Police Department, Massachusetts State Police and the Bristol County District Attorney's office, pursuant to the obligations of MGL ch. 38, sec. 4, which requires the District Attorney to direct and control the investigation into all violent deaths, followed. The purpose of the investigation and this report is to detail the actions of Arthur DaRosa in the killings of Patricia Slavin and George Heath and determine whether any crime was committed as the result of the shooting and killing of Arthur DaRosa by a Deputy Sheriff.

## **INVESTIGATION**

A joint investigation was conducted by the Taunton Police Department, the Massachusetts State Police Detectives Unit assigned to the Bristol District Attorney's Office and prosecutors assigned to the Bristol District Attorney's Office. This report and its conclusions are based on the following sources of information: records of the American Medical Response ambulance service; reports written by the Taunton Police Department; Taunton Police/Taunton Fire 911 records and dispatch logs; recorded witness interviews; reports written by the Detectives Unit; Morton Hospital medical records of Arthur DaRosa created on or about May 9 and May 10 of 2016; and autopsy reports of Patricia Slavin, George Heath and Arthur DaRosa made by the Office of the Chief

Medical Examiner. Investigators also reviewed the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department Use of Force Policy and training records of Deputy Sheriff James Creed. As is relevant here, James Creed is licensed to carry a firearm and he had been trained and qualified by the department to carry and use a .45 caliber pistol.

#### **ACTIONS OF ARTHUR DAROSA ON MAY 9-10, 2016**

Arthur DaRosa was a 28-year-old man with a residence in Fall River. He worked full-time as a de-leader for a Taunton company. He had grown up in Taunton where his stepfather and half-sister reside. DaRosa also had an estranged girlfriend, Samantha Shaheen, with whom he had two young children. Ms. Shaheen was with DaRosa for six years until their breakup in early April, 2016. DaRosa was described as having problems with anxiety and/or depression. His problems with depression had become more pronounced since the break-up. During the weekend prior to May 10, 2016, DaRosa was "manic and depressed," "up and down."

In conversations with Ms. Devries he spoke calmly one minute and then quickly lapsed into talking "pure nonsense." DaRosa talked about not wanting to live anymore, about people close to him having been poisoned, and of having received messages from God or the devil telling him to do horrible things. DaRosa expressed fear of being sedated and he wondered aloud whether he was crazy.

On Monday, May 9, 2016, after a series of apparently irrational suicidal conversations with Ms. Devries, DaRosa agreed to seek medical treatment for his mental health problems. DaRosa told Ms. Devries he was reluctant to get treatment because if he was thought to be "crazy" his relationship with his children might be jeopardized. On May 9, 2016, DaRosa drove to his stepfather's home in Taunton. During the ride he called Ms. Devries and told her that he was thinking about driving his car into a tree to kill himself due to depression. After arriving at his stepfather's home and

after further conversation with Ms.Devries, DaRosa agreed to go to a hospital for treatment. At 4:56 p.m. a call was made to AMR (American Medical Response) ambulance service. At 4:59 p.m. an ambulance was dispatched to DaRosa's stepfather's home at 29 Myrtle Street, Taunton. The ambulance arrived at 5:05 p.m. Approximately five minutes later DaRosa was transported to Morton Hospital and his care was transferred to the Morton Emergency Room at 5:16 p.m.

DaRosa reported to the ambulance personnel that he had told his sister he wanted to drive into a tree and kill himself. He stated he had been depressed for three weeks, but hadn't sought help. However, that day his suicidal thoughts were very strong. He was tearful and he wanted help. DaRosa denied feeling suicidal in the past. DaRosa did not indicate that he had any physical ailments and he denied any drug or alcohol use.

DaRosa was described as crying, embarrassed and nervous about being at the hospital but cooperative. Toxicology tests were conducted with negative results, showing that DaRosa was not under the influence of any intoxicants or illegal substances. An assessment of DaRosa shortly after 7:30 p.m., noted that DaRosa had suicidal thoughts but no specific plan. DaRosa reported thinking about an "overdose, but [he] never made a specific plan as to when, where or how [he] would actually do it ... and [he] would never go through with it." He also stated "I have [suicidal] thoughts but I definitely would not do anything about them."

Morton Hospital records indicate that DaRosa was "medically cleared" at approximately 9:30 p.m. on May 9, 2016. During this time, the records report that DaRosa's step-father was at his bedside. But that DaRosa was very anxious "while visitor present." The visitor then left. DaRosa slept from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. DaRosa was "made Sec. 12" by a "Dr. Perry" and his case was "called into Morton Crisis" shortly before 10:00 p.m. "Sec. 12" is presumably a reference to Sec. 12 of M.G.L.



Chap. 123 titled "Commitment by physicians or police officers for limited period." This provision of Massachusetts law allows a physician to seek the hospitalization of a person whom they have examined and determined that there is a reason to believe is likely to commit serious harm to themselves or another because of mental illness.

Ms. Devries and a friend visited with DaRosa at the hospital. DaRosa was calm. He said that he had slept for the first time in four days and he noted that if she hadn't come in, "I wouldn't have woken up," but he also said he was afraid he wasn't going to wake up. DaRosa appeared manic when he said this, but he later said he was okay. Ms. Devries left DaRosa at approximately 10:30 p.m. For his part, the elder Mr. DaRosa described his stepson as calm during his visit, but recalled that DaRosa asked that someone take care of his kids when he dies. Mr. DaRosa tried to reassure his stepson that he wasn't going to die.

Sometime after midnight Morton Hospital records note that DaRosa was with "crisis eval." The portion of the record relating to Brockton Taunton/Attleboro Crisis (hereinafter "BT/AC") indicate BT/AC began their evaluation at 12:15 a.m. on May 10, 2016. During the BT/AC evaluation DaRosa reported how long he'd been depressed and explained that he broke up with his girlfriend of 61½ years, 3 1½ weeks prior to his admission. DaRosa's ex-girlfriend left their home and moved in with her family. DaRosa and his ex-girlfriend split up the custody of their five and three-year-old children based on their work schedules.

DaRosa explained that the ex-girlfriend had a job with an evening shift and that he worked days full-time and went to night school two days a week. DaRosa stated he felt "overwhelmed" and hadn't slept much the prior five nights. DaRosa denied wanting to kill or hurt himself because he had two children to live for and he wanted them to be a family. DaRosa also discussed his childhood and his relationship with

his biological mother and stepfather.

The BT/AC evaluator noted that DaRosa showed no evidence of psychosis or thought disorder. DaRosa had a "neat and orderly manner." His speech was "clear, coherent, normal rate, rhythm and volume and thoughts were organized and coherent." DaRosa's "affect was broad range with predominant anxious, worried mood, but mood also readily brightened with broad smiles when talking about his two children." The evaluator also noted that DaRosa "denied any current SI and reported he never had any prior SI and that it had been an overwhelming, strange and scary feeling" but after talking to his sister he agreed to come to the hospital "for help." DaRosa also denied any HI (homicidal ideation). The evaluator concluded that DaRosa's "judgment is good" and described him as "help-seeking and able to take in information and generalize from it."

DaRosa was described as "experiencing acute severe stress" due to the breakup with the mother of his two children and "taking on responsibilities" of childcare, work and night school. The evaluator opined that although DaRosa was "feeling overwhelmed and worried" DaRosa was "able to seek out help and maintain safety and utilize current supports" and he was willing to learn "coping" "parenting" and "stress management skills."

Morton Hospital patient observation notes indicate "Crisis out" at 3:30 a.m. and that DaRosa slept from 3:45 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. DaRosa was diagnosed with "F41.9 anxiety disorder" and "F43.33 adjustment disorder with mixed anxiety and depressed features." The evaluator concluded that DaRosa "did not appear to require IPT LOC2 at this time. A discharge summary form bearing DaRosa's name and identifying information was created at 4:29 a.m. on May 10, 2016. Shortly before 6:30 a.m. on May 10th, DaRosa was prepared for discharge by hospital staff.

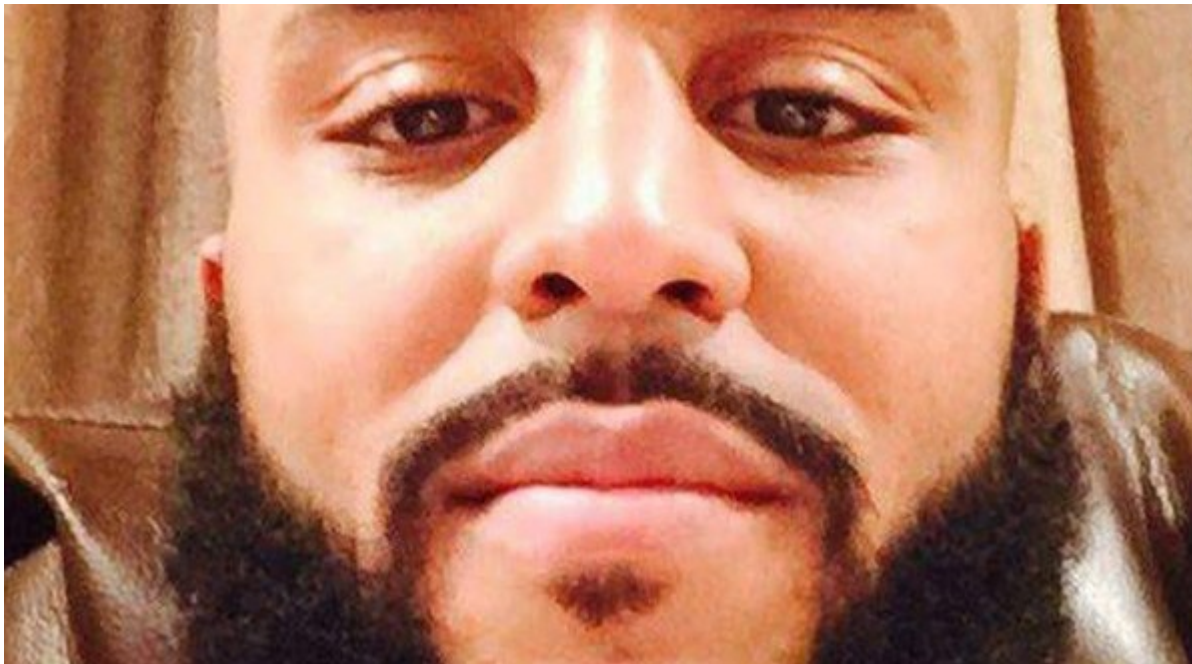
Morton Hospital's discharge summary form states DaRosa was treated for anxiety and stress reaction and that he should

follow-up with his physician in 5-7 days. No prescriptions were provided. The form was apparently signed at 6:26 a.m. and DaRosa was discharged to his own care at 6:36 a.m. The discharge instructions bear DaRosa's address and phone number, but gives detailed instructions for a child named Gabriel, rather than DaRosa.

DaRosa walked to his step-father's home and he arrived at approximately 6:45 a.m. DaRosa retrieved his car keys and then left for work. During the day he contacted Ms. Shaheen and told her he was fine, apologized for acting the way he had the day before, and for being selfish. He then visited Ms. Shaheen, repaid money that he owed her, and agreed to pick up the kids from school. Later in the day, Ms. Shaheen texted DaRosa and reminded him to take his daughter to soccer after picking up the children from school. DaRosa sounded as if he was happy to do so. DaRosa spent the day at work. After work he spoke to a friend on the phone. DaRosa mentioned that he was on his way to pick up his children and he seemed "fine" on the phone.

### **MYRICKS STREET COLLISION**

DaRosa arrived at the Myricks Street youth soccer field approximately ten minutes late for his daughter's practice. The coaches noted he seemed "normal" but they did not observe or interact with him as the practice progressed. Parents overheard DaRosa talking to himself, saying he was "sorry" repeatedly and for no apparent reason. DaRosa's odd behavior was interrupted by periods of calm. DaRosa spoke to one parent about God, about needing to keep going on with his life, and not knowing what to do next or what would happen to his kids. DaRosa ranted about people judging him. DaRosa asked another parent to watch his kids and he left the soccer field. DaRosa startled another parent with her child in the parking lot by quickly passing her and stating that he was "a total loser."



At approximately 6:35 p.m., DaRosa exited the Myricks Street Youth Soccer Field heading south. He was driving a 2010 Honda Accord. Upon reaching Myricks Street he turned right heading southwest. DaRosa crossed the center line into traffic coming in the opposite direction and collided with a small pick-up truck driven by Paula Giannini. Ms. Giannini's vehicle was spun around and then it did a complete "barrel roll;" landing back on its wheels. The roll caused her doors to be pinned shut. Ms. Giannini remained conscious but suffered a severe laceration to her right ear. DaRosa exited his vehicle and began to bang on the window of Ms. Giannini's vehicle. Traffic on Myricks Street and the exit from the soccer field was obstructed by the colliding vehicles. DaRosa ran towards 270 Myricks Street, a single family home, and entered through the front door. 270 Myricks Street is located on the north side of the street.

#### **STABBINGS AT 270 MYRICKS STREET AND THE KILLING OF PATRICIA SLAVIN**

At approximately 6:35 p.m. Kathleen Slavin was home with her eighty-year-old mother, Patricia Slavin. The two had just finished eating dinner and Patricia Slavin, who suffered from a condition that caused muscle weakness, was resting in a chair covered by a blanket. Kathleen Slavin was in the process

of cleaning the dishes, when the two of them heard a loud bang coming from Myricks Street. Upon looking out their front window, they saw DaRosa look in their direction.

In retrospect, as Kathleen Slavin later told investigators, it was as if DaRosa locked on to her and her mother when he saw them in the window. DaRosa ran to the front door of the house. Thinking that DaRosa needed help because of the collision, Kathleen went to the front door and as she began to open it, DaRosa pulled open the door. DaRosa forced his way past Kathleen, entered into the home and knocked Patricia Slavin to the ground. Patricia Slavin was unable to get up from the floor by herself. DaRosa opened the drawer of a nearby piece of furniture and when Kathleen asked him what he was doing; DaRosa replied "I'm looking for the gun."

Kathleen Slavin told DaRosa that there weren't any guns in the house. DaRosa then knocked her to the ground and went into the kitchen where he began opening drawers beneath the counter top. DaRosa found and removed a steak knife. Kathleen Slavin had returned to her feet and DaRosa knocked her to the floor a second time. DaRosa then stabbed Kathleen multiple times in the left side before moving on to Patricia Slavin whom he stabbed multiple times in the back as she lay on the ground face down.

DaRosa fled out the front door of the house, leaving both grievously wounded women in the house. Patricia Slavin's last words were "Call 911," and Kathleen Slavin immediately did so at 6:37:48. Michael Slavin, Kathleen's brother, entered the house first, as Kathleen awaited the arrival of first responders. He found his mother and sister both laying on the floor bleeding. He immediately called out to officers on Myricks Street for help. Patricia Slavin suffered bruising and five stab wounds to her back. One stab wound penetrated the left lung and resulted in a hemothorax. Mrs. Slavin was transported to Morton Hospital where she succumbed to the wounds caused by DaRosa.

Kathleen Slavin was first transported to Morton Hospital and from there sent to the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston where she was treated for a stab wound to the right side of her neck, two stab wounds to her left chest and two stab wounds to the left side torso. Kathleen Slavin also sustained some defensive wounds to the hands and arms that did not require stitches. While at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Ms. Slavin underwent surgery to remove a buildup of fluid in her lungs and she was released to her home at the end of the week. Ms. Slavin gave a recorded statement to investigators on May 24, 2016.

### **SILVER CITY GALLERIA MALL AND THE KILLING OF GEORGE HEATH**

DaRosa was seen exiting 270 Myricks Street with a knife in his hand. DaRosa attempted to force his way into several vehicles stopped on Myricks Street by banging on car windows with the butt of the knife. Some drivers fled by driving off. Several people called 911. DaRosa then returned to his own, damaged vehicle and drove off heading southwest toward Route 140. From there he traveled north on Route 140 to the Silver City Galleria Mall in Taunton.

After fleeing Myricks Street, DaRosa drove his car to the Silver City Galleria Mall in Taunton. The Mall is approximately three and a half miles away from 270 Myricks Street, which is about a five minute drive under normal circumstances. DaRosa crashed the 2010 Honda Accord into the north entrance of Macy's department store. The crash caused extensive damage to the entrance and the Accord rested partially inside the glass entrance way. The crash was not captured on video, but the Macy's interior video surveillance shows employees' and patrons' attention being drawn to the entrance in response to the crash.

On the afternoon of May 11, several troopers, including members of the Massachusetts State Police K-9 Unit, searched for the knife used in the Slavin stabbings along the path DaRosa most logically used to travel from Myricks Street to

the Silver City Galleria. This search yielded only one article of clothing which appeared to have blood on it in the area of the median of Route 140 south of the Stevens Street exit. The search was discontinued with the loss of daylight.

On May 12, 2016, the search was resumed in the morning. Troopers retraced much of DaRosa's path a second time and continued to the Silver City Galleria parking lot without success. The knife used to kill Patricia Slavin and seriously injure Kathleen Slavin has not been located. After the crash in the Macy's entrance, DaRosa ran into the store. He appeared to be in a manic or frantic state.

Initially, upon hearing the crash into the entrance, employees and patrons of the store approached the crash, but upon seeing DaRosa, who was described as "enraged," the people in the store attempted to make their way away from the crash and DaRosa. DaRosa approached Wendy Olivieira, a patron of the store. She described that DaRosa was "on her" instantaneously. DaRosa grabbed her and slammed her into a display rack at least five times then threw her to the side. DaRosa never said anything to her and when he was done assaulting her, he ran away. Ms. Oliviera suffered lacerations to the back of her head and pain throughout her body from the assault and battery. She was transported and treated at Morton Hospital.

After running away from Olivieira, DaRosa approached Jucelia Gleason and Laura Miola, both employees of Macy's. DaRosa grabbed Ms. Gleason by her hair and dragged her for several feet, causing her to hit several store displays. DaRosa then turned his attention to Ms. Miola. He released Ms. Gleason and approached Ms. Miola. Miola tried to get away from DaRosa but he advanced on her and punched her in the face. She fell to the ground. During this time period, several Macy's employees, including Holly Gouveia and Barbara Almeida, tried to intervene on Gleason and Miola's behalf to stop the beatings. Both Ms. Gleason and Ms. Miola were transported to Morton Hospital for their injuries.

Miola was transported to Brigham and Women's Hospital for further evaluation and later released. Both suffered non-life threatening injuries from the assault and batteries. During the time he was in Macy's, none of the witnesses observed DaRosa with any weapons in his possession, nor did anyone hear him saying anything. None of the victims or witnesses knew DaRosa prior to the assaults. A portion of the events that occurred in Macy's, including the assault and battery of Ms. Miola was captured on video.

DaRosa ran out of Macy's through the east entrance of the store, a different entrance than he had crashed into. DaRosa ran down the sidewalk outside of the mall and reentered the mall at the entrance where the Bertucci's is located. DaRosa ran down the hallway between the stores to the Metro PCS store which is located at the end of that hallway. This is captured on video. DaRosa entered the Metro PCS store and ran behind the desk and grabbed Kyle Carpenter, an employee of the store. Carpenter fought off DaRosa in a struggle that lasted only seconds, causing DaRosa to flee the store. There were several customers and employees in the store. The only thing Carpenter heard DaRosa say was "shut up." Carpenter closed the gate to the store after DaRosa fled. Carpenter did not see DaRosa in possession of any weapons. None of the witnesses in Metro PCS knew DaRosa.

After leaving the Metro PCS store, DaRosa ran back toward the entrance where the Bertucci's is located and entered the Bertucci's. DaRosa's flight from the store to the Bertucci's entrance was captured on the mall video surveillance system. No video surveillance exists of the events inside of Bertucci's. Witnesses described DaRosa as walking into Bertucci's quickly and with a purpose. DaRosa walked to an area where the silverware is located. He was acknowledged by two waitresses and it appears one of the waitresses, Sheenah Savoy, was the first person to draw DaRosa's attention.

Ms. Savoy was in the late stages of pregnancy, making her



condition obvious to anyone who saw her. She was at a waitress station, retrieving a steak knife for a customer's plate and DaRosa grabbed the knife from her hand and began to assault her with it. At first Ms. Savoy did not realize that she was being stabbed. As DaRosa moved his hands around Ms. Savoy, she tried to get away from him. DaRosa grabbed Ms. Savoy and she heard him say that he was going to kill her and then kill himself. DaRosa stabbed Ms. Savoy in the head, behind her ear. Savoy suffered five stab wounds and four lacerations.

Other customers began to realize the seriousness of DaRosa's assault on the waitress. Some customers started to flee from the restaurant. Rosemary Heath who was having dinner with her husband, George, was sitting at the bar adjacent to the location of the assault. The two had just sat down, and had only been in the restaurant for a few minutes. Mrs. Heath's attention was drawn when she heard a scream. As she began to observe what was happening, Mrs. Heath saw Ms. Savoy trying to get away from DaRosa as DaRosa continued to stab her in the back. Ms. Savoy was moving towards Mrs. Heath saying "help me, help me." Mrs. Heath pushed Ms. Savoy to the side and put a chair in between DaRosa and Ms. Savoy so that Savoy was able to get some separation from DaRosa, whom Mrs. Heath described as a big guy, much bigger than her husband.

George Heath was also out of his seat and he told DaRosa to stop. Mr. Heath then attempted to stop DaRosa from being able to stab anyone by physically engaging with DaRosa and trying to pin his arms to his side. DaRosa turned to George Heath and raised his arm and stabbed Mr. Heath in the right temple of his head. Mr. Heath fell to the ground. Witnesses described DaRosa as emotionless and determined. Witnesses also stated his attention was diverted quickly.

James Creed, an off-duty Plymouth County Sheriff's Deputy 3 was having dinner in the restaurant with his wife, Laura. Laura is a Registered Nurse. The two were just finishing their dinner when they saw the escalating interaction between DaRosa

and Ms. Savoy across the restaurant. Creed's attention was first drawn when he saw what appeared to be DaRosa punching Ms. Savoy. Creed left his table and circled to an area that gave him a better view. There Creed saw the knife in DaRosa's hand and he realized Savoy was being stabbed. Creed was dressed in shorts and a t-shirt. Ms. Savoy was screaming for help.

Creed was carrying his personal firearm, a .45 caliber Glock. Creed has a license to carry and normally carries a firearm when he is on duty. Creed also had his badge of office with him. As he began to encounter DaRosa, Creed put his badge, which is on a chain, around his neck. Creed pulled out his firearm and identified himself to DaRosa as an officer. Deputy Creed commanded DaRosa to stop, drop the knife, and get down. DaRosa moved towards Creed. Creed stepped back and continued to order DaRosa to get on the ground. Creed heard DaRosa say, "You and I are both going to die today." Faced with an intransigent, armed assailant who had just viciously attacked two people with a knife, continuing to advance on him, Creed took aim and fired a single shot at DaRosa. The bullet penetrated through DaRosa's arm and continued on, entering into DaRosa's midsection. DaRosa tried to keep moving towards Creed, but fell to the ground.

Witnesses described that DaRosa was still conscious and clutching the knife after being shot. Several witnesses observed Creed's badge displayed on a chain around his neck after the shooting. As her husband engaged with DaRosa, Laura Creed, began to render first aid to Ms. Savoy. Mrs. Creed could see that Ms. Savoy had been stabbed repeatedly and she applied pressure to her wounds. Deputy Creed called his wife's attention to Mr. Heath who was on the floor, bleeding from the stab wound to his head. Mrs. Creed left Ms. Savoy in the care of others who had taken over the application of pressure to Ms. Savoy's injuries, and moved to Mr. Heath.

Mrs. Creed tried to render aid to Mr. Heath, but saw that the

injury to his head was not something she could address other than by applying pressure. Nonetheless, Mrs. Creed continued to aid Mr. Heath and comfort Mrs. Heath who described Mrs. Creed as being "so good" in her care of the two of them, all the while directing others who were aiding Ms. Savoy.

Deputy Creed has also been sworn as a Bristol County Deputy Sheriff. As such, Deputy Creed has the authority to act within his police power in Bristol County. Taunton 911 had been called by many people who observed DaRosa along the way. Officers from Taunton, Berkley, Raynham, and Lakeville police departments as well as troopers from the Massachusetts State Police began to respond to the multiple crime scenes. Taunton police Sergeant Michael Tremblay arrived at the mall to a chaotic scene. Sergeant Tremblay entered Bertucci's with his service weapon drawn and Creed put down his firearm and lay on the ground.

Sergeant Tremblay took custody of Creed's firearm, checked Creed's identification and began to coordinate a medical response to the restaurant. George Heath, Sheenah Savoy, and DaRosa were all transported to different area hospitals. Ms. Savoy was transported to Rhode Island Hospital. She had life-threatening injuries and was pregnant. She and her unborn child survived the injuries. George Heath was transported to Morton Hospital in Taunton. He was pronounced dead at 8:07 p.m. on May 10, 2016. DaRosa was transported to Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River. He was pronounced dead at 7:50 p.m. on May 10, 2016.

None of the victims or witnesses inside Bertucci's knew DaRosa. Ms. Savoy stated she heard DaRosa say "I'm going to kill you and I'm going to kill myself" as he was stabbing her, but nothing before. Other witnesses in Bertucci's stated that they did not remember DaRosa saying anything. The events inside Bertucci's were not captured on video.

## **PHYSICAL EVIDENCE FROM THE SILVER CITY GALLERIA**

Members of the Massachusetts State Police Crimes Scene Services Section (CSSS) and Firearms Identification Section (FIS) responded to document and collect evidence from the crime scenes. The Honda Accord was in the entry way to the Macy's department store. Members of the CSSS observed that the outer doors of the store were damaged and there was broken glass observed in the entry way and on the sidewalk. There was extensive damage to the front end of the Accord. Blood stains were observed on the walkways of the store between the north entrance and the east entrance.

Blood stains were also observed on the floor and on a clothing rack display near registers in the store. Clothing was on the ground, a mannequin was on its side on a platform, and blood was observed on the center left door handle of the east entrance inner doors. Blood stains along with tissues and napkins with blood were observed outside the Macy's east entrance on the sidewalk and the mall's east entrance near the Bertucci's. No bloodstains were observed in the mall hallway between Bertucci's and the Metro PCS store. No knife was recovered from Macy's or the parking lot outside the north entrance.

Bertucci's was also documented by members of the CSSS. Members of that section noted that tables had been pushed aside, chairs were overturned, and booths were askew. There were several blood stains on the furniture and the floor. A black handled knife with three rivets and blood stains was on the floor near the bar area. A single, discharged cartridge casing was observed on the floor near a booth.

The Honda Accord was removed to the Lakeville Crime Laboratory. Samantha Shaheen, the owner of the vehicle and the mother of DaRosa's children, gave the police consent to search the vehicle. The vehicle was searched and examined by the CSSS technicians. They found no traces of blood in the car. The contents of the car included a check issued to Arthur DaRosa, a Samsung cell phone, and a medication bottle of Hydrocodon

5-325 prescribed to Arthur DaRosa.

No knife was located in the vehicle. Samatha Shaheen reported to the police that the cell phone located in the Accord belonged to DaRosa. Creed's .45 caliber Glock firearm was transferred to the FIS from the Taunton Police who secured at the scene. The firearm, the discharged shell casing found in Bertucci's, and a spent projectile recovered from DaRosa body during an autopsy were examined and compared. It was determined that the discharged shell casing and the spent projectile were fired from Creed's .45 caliber Glock firearm.

## **AUTOPSIES**

An autopsy of Patrica Slavin was performed by Henry M. Nields, MD, the Chief Medical Examiner of the Commonwealth, on May 11, 2016. Dr. Nields observed five stab wounds to Mrs. Slavin's back. Four of the wounds penetrated the skin and soft tissue of the back at depths from 2 1/2 to 5 1/2 inches. One of the five stab wounds perforated the chest cavity and penetrated the left lung. This wound caused a left hemothorax and penetrated to a depth of 5 1/2 inches. Dr. Nields also noted bruising of the torso and right arm and leg. Dr. Nields determined Patrica Slavin's cause of death to be stab wounds to the back with injury to the lung. All of the stab wounds observed by Nields were consistent with having been inflicted on Mrs. Slavin as she lay face down on the floor.

Dr. Nields performed an autopsy of George Heath on May 11, 2016. Mr. Heath suffered a single stab wound to the head. The stab wound penetrated horizontally into the right front temporal region of the head. The stab wound perforated 3/4 inch of the upper portion of the right temporal bone of the skull. The wound penetrated the right frontal lobe of the brain and into the left frontal lobe of the brain. The direction of the penetration was from the right towards the left.

Dr. Nields estimated the depth of the penetration to be 4

inches. Dr. Nields did not observe any other external injuries. Dr. Nields determined George Heath's cause of death to be the stab wound to the head with injury to the skull and brain. Dr. Nields performed an autopsy on the body of Arthur DaRosa on May 11, 2016. Dr. Nields noted a single gunshot wound to the upper extremity and the torso.

Dr. Nields also noted injuries to the left forearm, right shin, and right hand. Dr. Nields determined that the bullet entered DaRosa's upper left arm, travelling through the arm before entering the upper left abdomen. Dr. Nields saw no stippling or fouling to the skin, indicating that the gun that fired the bullet was not in contact with the arm or within a short distance of the arm at the time of the shooting.

After re-entering the body through the upper left abdomen, the bullet perforated the soft tissue of the abdomen, the large intestines, the small bowel mesentery, the inferior vena cava, and then penetrated and came to rest within the right psoas muscle. A deformed, copper jacketed large caliber bullet was located lodged there and removed. This bullet was later examined by the FIS and it was determined that the bullet was fired from Deputy Creed's firearm. Dr. Nields also noted blunt forces trauma to the left forearm and the right shin. Additionally, there was a 2 1/4 inch incised wound to the palm of the DaRosa's right hand.

The wound penetrated approximately 1/8 and inch. This type of injury can be caused by a stabber's hand sliding onto the blade of the knife during a stabbing. The injury is not uncommonly found on the hand(s) of a stabber that has repeatedly used a knife without a hilt, such as a steak knife. Toxicology tests showed no controlled or intoxicating substances in DaRosa's blood. Dr. Nields determined DaRosa's cause of death to be the gunshot wound to the upper extremity and abdomen with perforation of inferior vena cava, the large vein that returns un-oxygenated blood to the heart.

## **ANALYSIS**

On May 10, 2016 Arthur DaRosa committed a series of extremely violent assaults. He started this violent spree with the murder of Patricia Slavin in her home on Myricks Street. DaRosa seriously injured Ms. Slavin's daughter, Kathleen, and he tried to assault others on Myrick Street. DaRosa continued his rampage by moving to the Silver City Galleria. James Creed was having dinner in Bertucci's with his wife when he saw Arthur DaRosa stabbing Sheena Savoy multiple times. Creed then observed DaRosa stab George Heath in the head, a stab wound that ultimately caused Mr. Heath's death. Creed identified himself as a member of law enforcement, both through his words and his badge, and he ordered DaRosa to stop and put down his weapon. DaRosa did not do so and advanced toward Creed. After repeatedly giving commands to stop, to no avail, Creed fired one shot at DaRosa which fatally wounded DaRosa.

All of the attendant circumstances created a situation in which Creed reasonably concluded that DaRosa presented a clear, present, and imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury. Creed reasonably concluded that if he did not take immediate action, that additional people in Bertucci's, and possibly himself, would be killed or seriously injured. Thus, based upon the quickly unfolding violent and dangerous situation that presented itself, James Creed was clearly justified in using deadly force to prevent death or serious bodily injury to himself or other people present. An incised wound is a wound that is longer than it is deep.

## **CONCLUSION**

The circumstances of the deaths of Patricia Slavin, George Heath and Arthur DaRosa have been individually considered. Arthur DaRosa murdered Patricia Slavin and George Heath without any justification or excuse. We have concluded that James Creed was clearly justified in using deadly force. Therefore, it is our judgment that the use of force by Deputy Sheriff Creed in this matter was both justified and lawful.

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We get how to use the internet to garner results. We **creatively advertise** area businesses without resorting to ineffective adverts or standard web-banner style marketing. We create **engaging, interactive** advertising that we know people will read, view, and be interested in. □ As a result, you get **massive results that no other platform can offer.**

## **Here's just some of what we offer and what we are great at:**

- **Spotlight Articles:** Quality articles educating consumers on your business and your story. Add a gift card when we post, and potentially get 800+ shares! (real analytic!)
- **Spotlight and Live Videos:** High quality commercial-style videos showcasing your business and story, or a live stream from your place of business, e.g. a Q&A with an expert, an open house or event you are hosting, or your business in action. Low cost, incredible numbers, and highly effective! One video received 86,000+ views!
- **Community Live Stream Sponsorships:** We enter the community and live stream 'feel-good' stories – everything from community events to live music, festivals, parades, fundraisers, visits to pet shelters, school athletic games, and more. Your business becomes the 'sponsor' of that video for incredible exposure!
- **Job Posting Services:** One of our most effective services! We have a 100% satisfaction and success rate. Showcase your openings, then receive hundreds to thousands of direct reactions, and qualified applicants in just days.

- **Plus** – Social Media Postings, Full Event Promotion and Listings on our Events Calendar & Weekend 'Things To Do', Text Link Ads on our Website, Banner Ads, Mobile Banner Ad exclusivity, and more!

We offer no commitment, no contract advertising. You have no reason NOT to try us! Interested in hearing more? Send us a message at [info@newbedfordguide.com](mailto:info@newbedfordguide.com)