

# Massachusetts man convicted of killing infant daughter denied parole

*"A Massachusetts man was denied parole after being convicted of killing his infant daughter.*

According to documents issued by the parole board, on October 29, 2003, after a jury trial in Plymouth County Superior Court, Michael Moran of Halifax was found guilty of second-degree murder in the death of his infant daughter, Viktoria. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.

On September 5, 2003, 21-year-old Michael Moran was living with his girlfriend and their two children. On that date, the children's mother took their older daughter to the doctor and, at Moran's insistence, left their seven-week-old daughter, Viktoria, in his care. Upon return, Viktoria's mother checked on her daughter, who appeared to be fine. Later that evening, however, Viktoria stopped breathing. Paramedics arrived and transported Viktoria to the hospital, where she died. During questioning, Moran told police that he "slammed" Viktoria into her crib and her head hit the crib railing.

Michael Moran, now 40 years-old, appeared before the Parole Board for his initial parole hearing on January 11, 2022. When Board Members questioned him about his child's death, Moran stated that he was "stressed out and angry" and had no one to talk to. He and Viktoria's mother were staying with his father, but his father was trying to sell the house. Moran explained that he had a hard time maintaining employment for more than three consecutive months. He was worried and ashamed that they might become homeless. When a Board Member asked if he intentionally slammed Viktoria's head against the crib,

Moran answered, "Not intentionally, no." He explained how he walked to the crib with Viktoria in his hands and put her down with "a very quick force... I threw my hands down really, really, fast, really hard." Moran claimed that he did not intend for Viktoria to hit her head.

Board Members noted that Moran has not received any violent disciplinary reports during his incarceration. He completed seven programs prior to his hearing and earned his G.E.D. in 2017. Moran stated that he completed Correctional Recovery Academy, Alternatives to Violence, Criminal Thinking, and a Domestic Violence course. The Board considered testimony and a report submitted by Dr. DiCataldo, who stated that Moran has an IQ of about 70 and suffers from ADD, PTSD, and (possibly) fetal alcohol syndrome. Dr. Cataldo believed that Moran's youth and situational stress contributed to the commission of the governing offense. He expressed concern that Moran's plan to move to Florida immediately upon release was less than ideal.

Two of Moran's family members testified in support of parole. Three family members testified in opposition to parole. Plymouth County Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Cipolletti testified, and submitted a letter, in opposition to parole.

The Board issued a ruling on September 29th that Moran has not yet demonstrated a level of rehabilitative progress that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. They also stated that Moran continues to minimize his actions that led to the death of Viktoria."

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# **Dartmouth Fire Department announces passing of former Firefighter Ralph Costa**

"It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of former Firefighter Ralph Costa who served the District from 1969-1980.

Ralph was known by many of his fellow firefighters as a workhorse around a fire scene always willing to go to the roof with his axe in hand. Around the station Ralph was always quick with a joke laughing along the way.

Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. Services will be Thursday 10/6, 4-7pm @ Dartmouth Funeral Home." - Dartmouth Fire District 1.

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# **MassDot to host meeting for residents on replacement of New Bedford/Fairhaven Bridge**

**"REMINDER:** MassDOT will host a meeting regarding the New Bedford/Fairhaven bridge replacement this Thursday, October 6th, from 6:30pm – 8pm at New Bedford Vocational Technical High School.

Please see attached flyers for more information."-City of New Bedford.



## New Bedford / Fairhaven Bridge Replacement of the US Route 6 over the Acushnet River Bridge. Virtual / In-Person Public Information Meeting

**What is happening?** The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Bridge Replacement project, US Route 6 over the Acushnet River. All views and comments submitted in response to the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

**How will this affect you?** The proposed project includes the replacement of US Route 6 over the Acushnet River, this is a movable span bridge. The existing Route 6 corridor will be maintained. A full roadway closure and detour at the movable span will be necessary during portions of the project. The Navigation Channel will be maintained through short-term closures. Navigation will be required and coordinated with USCG.

### When

October 6, 2022  
6:30PM – 8:00PM

### Where

New Bedford Vocational Technical High  
School Auditorium  
1121 Ashley Blvd  
New Bedford, MA 02745



Please note this meeting will be transcribed by a stenographer.

Visit [www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings) for more information.



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Project inquiries may also be emailed to [Dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us](mailto:Dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us)

Please submit any written statements regarding the proposed undertaking to: **Carrie A. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Major Projects, PROJECT FILE NO. 612557**

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## Puente de New Bedford / Fairhaven

### reemplazo de la Ruta 6 de el puente del rio Acushnet.

#### Reunión Virtual / En Persona de Información Pública Virtual

**¿Lo que está sucediendo?** El propósito de esta reunión es brindarle al público la oportunidad de familiarizarse completamente con el proyecto de Reemplazo del Puente propuesto, Ruta 6 de los Estados Unidos sobre el Río Acushnet. Todas las opiniones y comentarios presentados en respuesta a la reunión serán revisados y considerado en la mayor medida posible.

**¿Cómo te afectará esto?** El proyecto propuesto incluye el reemplazo de la Ruta 6 de los Estados Unidos sobre el río Acushnet, este es un puente de luz móvil. Se mantendrá el corredor existente de la Ruta 6. Será necesario un cierre completo de la carretera y un desvío en el tramo móvil durante partes de la proyecto. El Canal de Navegación se mantendrá a través de cierres a corto plazo. La navegación será requerido y coordinado con USCG.

#### Asiste Virtualmente

octubre 6, 2022

6:30PM – 8:00PM

[Para se registrar: www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings)

#### Asistir en persona

octubre 6, 2022

6:30PM – 8:00PM

New Bedford Vocational Technical High Escuela,  
Auditorio 1121 Ashley Boulevard  
New Bedford, MA 02745



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enviar por correo electrónico a [Dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us](mailto:Dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us) Sírvase presentar cualquier declaración por escrito sobre el compromiso propuesto a: Carrie A. Lavallee, P.E., Ingeniero Jefe, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116,

Atención: Grandes Proyectos, EXPEDIENTE DEL PROYECTO NÚM. 612557

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## Ponte New Bedford / Fairhaven

### Substituição da Ponte da US Route 6 sobre o Rio Acushnet.

### Reunião pública para informação Virtual / Presencial

**O que está a acontecer?** O objetivo desta reunião é dar oportunidade ao público de se familiarizar com o projeto proposto para a substituição da ponte, US Route 6 sobre o Rio Acushnet. Todos os pontos de vista e comentários submetidos na sequência da reunião serão analisados e considerados na medida em que tal seja possível.

**Como é que isto o irá afetar?** O projeto proposto inclui a substituição da US Route 6 sobre o Rio Acushnet, que é uma ponte com um vão móvel. O corredor atual da Route 6 será mantido. Será necessário o encerramento integral da estrada e um desvio no vão móvel durante algumas partes do projeto. O Canal de Navegação será mantido com encerramentos de curto prazo. A navegação será solicitada e coordenada com o USCG.

#### Participação Virtual

6 de outubro de 2022

6:30PM – 8:00PM

[Para se registar: www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings)

#### Participação presencial

6 de outubro de 2022

6:30PM – 8:00PM

New Bedford Vocational Technical High School, Auditório  
1121 Ashley Boulevard  
New Bedford, MA 02745



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Envie, por favor, quaisquer declarações escritas relativas ao empreendimento proposto para: Carrie A. Lavalley, P.E., Engenheiro Chefe, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Ao cuidado: Grandes Projetos, FICHEIRO DO PROJETO N.º 612557

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# Shaw's and Star Market join Massachusetts' SNAP online purchasing program

*Residents can now use SNAP benefits to buy food online from additional Commonwealth-based retailers.*

The Baker-Polito Administration announced today that Massachusetts residents who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits can now use their Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) SNAP benefits to buy groceries online from Shaw's and Star Market, two supermarket chains based in Massachusetts.

Shaw's and Star Market are the latest retailers in the Commonwealth to accept EBT SNAP online. Other retailers include Amazon, BJ's, Daily Table, Geissler's Supermarket, Stop & Shop, and Walmart, as well as ALDI, Brothers Marketplace, Hannaford, McKinnon's Supermarkets, Price Chopper, Price Rite Marketplace, Roche Bros., Sudbury Farms, and Wegmans via Instacart. Across all eligible retailers, residents have spent more than \$219 million in SNAP benefits to-date buying groceries online. For more information on the Massachusetts program, visit [www.Mass.gov/SNAPOnline](http://www.Mass.gov/SNAPOnline).

"SNAP online purchasing is one of several tools the Administration has utilized, alongside the continuation of SNAP Emergency Allotments, to combat food insecurity for Massachusetts individuals and families," said Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders. "The addition of more locally based retailers in the program will not only support households who receive SNAP, but also bring economic support to our local businesses and communities."

"The SNAP online purchasing program is a critical part of the Administration's work to address equitable access to groceries

across the state, providing more than 600,000 low-income households the same purchasing choices as other shoppers," said Department of Transitional Assistance Acting Commissioner Mary Sheehan. "SNAP online purchasing is another important tool in our efforts to help people shop safely for food. We are grateful for the expansion of this program to more retailers, as well as retailers' partnership in protecting SNAP clients and their benefits from skimming scams."

Individuals and families can shop online at Shaws.com or Starmarket.com. The Shaw's Deals & Delivery App or the Star Market Deals & Delivery App are also available for placing orders from mobile devices. Similar to using SNAP benefits to purchase food in a store, benefits can be used to buy SNAP-eligible foods online, including fresh produce, frozen foods, dairy and eggs.

"As a trusted neighborhood grocer in Massachusetts, we are committed to helping solve food insecurity and providing healthier food options to those at risk," said Shaw's and Star Market President Rob Backus. "This program gives customers a flexible and convenient shopping experience by allowing shoppers to use their EBT cards to make online purchases for home delivery or free store pickup."

SNAP benefits cannot be used to pay for any added fees, like delivery fees. Economic assistance received through DTA, which include Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) and Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children (EAEDC), cannot be used to purchase items online at this time. The USDA approves all retailers for participation in this program. Interested retailers can visit: [www.FNS.USDA.gov/SNAP](http://www.FNS.USDA.gov/SNAP).

DTA has issued warnings to residents of skimming scams that have impacted some DTA clients. These scams are aimed at obtaining credit, debit and EBT card information and Personal Identification Numbers (PINs). Skimming is the use of an

electronic device to steal card information from a card reader and create a fake card to steal money or benefits. SNAP online purchasing may provide a safer way for people to shop for groceries. The agency is strongly encouraging clients to change the PIN on their EBT cards before each time they get their benefits. Families who get TAFDC or EAEDC can also call their case manager to ask about having their benefits deposited to their bank account. Learn more at [Mass.gov/ProtectYourEBT](https://www.mass.gov/ProtectYourEBT).

Residents can check their SNAP eligibility and apply online at [www.DTAConnect.com](https://www.DTAConnect.com) or on the DTA Assistance Line at 877-382-2363. SNAP is not considered in a public charge test. If one is not a US citizen or eligible immigrant, it is safe for them to get SNAP for an eligible family member (like a US citizen child). Currently, households are temporarily receiving increased SNAP benefit amounts and it is now easier than ever to apply.

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## **5th Annual Nicole Podkova 5K to take place on Sunday Oct. 9th**

**Southcoast Health is thrilled to host the 5th Annual Nicole Podkova 5k Run/Walk in person this year!** The race will take place at the Southcoast Health Cancer Center in Fairhaven, MA at 9 am on Sunday, October 9, 2022.

For those that cannot participate in person but would still like to participate, you may still register and run/walk your 5K in the comfort of your own neighborhood, treadmill or local

park.

Proceeds raised through this event will support the Nicole Podkova Cancer Patient and Caregiver's Assistance Fund. This unique fund supports patients being treated at the Southcoast Health Cancer Centers and their families who are in need of financial assistance to help with utility payments, food, housing, transportation, cancer related supplies and other necessities.

How to Participate in the 5K:

**Step 1:** Register by clicking [HERE](#). By completing the registration form you are agreeing to both the media and liability release information found at the bottom of this page. Registrations can be made until 9am on October 9th, 2022.

**Register Today!**

### **Registration Fee**

\$35 adults

\$25 youth (under 18 years of age)

Each registered participant will receive a long-sleeve Podkova 5K race shirt as a thank you!

Registrants will receive their participant shirt upon check-in at race day. For those participating virtually, please contact [philanthropy@southcoast.org](mailto:philanthropy@southcoast.org) or 508-973-5353 and we would be happy to mail it to you.

**Step 2:** Invite your family and friends to join you in completing the 5K and encourage them to register!

**Step 3:** Spread the word on social media! Hashtag #Podkova5K2022 and tag @SouthcoastHlth when you post videos and photos of you participating in the 5K.

**Step 4:** Participants who are participating virtually can

submit their time (picture of fitness device time) to [philanthropy@southcoast.org](mailto:philanthropy@southcoast.org) for the top finisher in the following categories:

Top Male

Top Female

Top Senior Male (65+)

Top Senior Female (65+)



# New Bedford Police Department Officers to don pink patch for Breast Awareness Month

**\*\*\*BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH\*\*\***

October is breast cancer awareness month and you'll be seeing our officers wearing these badges to raise awareness.

"Just as this horrible illness affects members of the community, it also impacts the lives of the men and women of our department. This month, we wear these badges to remember those who have passed, honor those who continue to fight, and show our hope for a future without cancer."-Chief Paul Oliveira.



*City of New Bedford Police Department photo.*



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## **Dartmouth Police Department announces retirement of Officer Vieira after 3 decades of service**

“Please join Chief Levesque and the members of Dartmouth Police Department as we congratulate Officer Joe Vieira on his retirement from the department.

Beyond being a valued member of the Dartmouth Police Department for over three decades, Joe has dedicated endless hours of his time to the betterment of Dartmouth while holding various positions with other town agencies and associations. As if this wasn't enough, Joe is also currently the president of the Massachusetts Police Association.

Though Joe will be staying on DPD as an intermittent officer, he plans on doing some traveling with his wife, and spending time with his grandson.

Congratulations Joe, and thank you for your dedicated service to the town!

\*If you would like to send Joe a congratulations card, please address it to the dinosaur exhibit at the Smithsonian." - Dartmouth Police Department.



*Dartmouth Police Department photo.*

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# **City of New Bedford DPI to modify traffic lights at dangerous intersection**

“Mayor Jon Mitchell was recently asked about the traffic build up at the intersection of Ashley Blvd and Acushnet Ave on his weekly radio show.

The City’s Department of Public Infrastructure is aware of an increase in traffic wait times at the intersection of Ashley Blvd and Acushnet Ave by Pa Raffa’s. Timing of the traffic lights was changed as a result of recent accidents in that area, particularly from motorists crossing two lanes of traffic to make a left turn.

DPI is actively engaged with a traffic control company to modify the traffic lights at the intersection to better increase the flow of traffic.” -City of New Bedford.

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# **Massachusetts Company Issues Recall on Candy Corn**

**Arcade Snacks** of Auburn, MA is recalling its 15 ounce packages of Candy Corn because they may contain undeclared egg. People who have allergies to egg run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products. Just another good reason to never eat candy corn!

Candy Corn was distributed in Massachusetts and Connecticut at the following locations:

Johnson Roadside Farm Market in Swansea, Massachusetts

Donelan's Supermarkets in Massachusetts

Fieldstone Farm Market in Marion, Massachusetts

Foodies in Massachusetts

Windfall Market in Falmouth, Massachusetts

Highland Park Market in Glastonbury, Connecticut

The product comes in a 15 ounce, clear plastic container marked with UPC #0 18586 00114 4 and a best by date of 3/8/2023 on the label on the back panel.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

The recall was initiated after it was discovered that the egg-containing product was distributed in packaging that did not reveal the presence of egg.

**Consumers who have purchased 15 ounce packages of Candy Corn are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-508-832-6300 Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm ET.**

# Candy Corn

**Nutritional Facts** Servings: 14, **Serv. size: 18pcs (30g)** Amount per serving: **Calories 110**, Total Fat 0g ( 0% DV), Sat. Fat 0g ( 0% DV), Trans Fat 0g, **Cholest.** 0mg ( 0% DV), **Sodium** 50mg ( 2% DV), **Total Carb.** 29g ( 11% DV), Fiber 0g ( 0% DV), Total Sugars 23g (Incl. 23g Added Sugars, 46% DV), **Protein** 0g, Vit. D ( 0% DV), Calcium ( 0% DV), Iron ( 0% DV), Potas. ( 0% DV)

**Ingredients:** Sugar, Corn Syrup, and less than 2% of the following: Dextrose, Honey, Confectioners Glaze, Salt, Acacia Gum, Artificial Flavor, Rice Protein, Carnauba Wax, Modified Potato Starch, Potato Protein, Yellow 5, Yellow 6, Red 40.

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