

# Massachusetts man arrested for 6th OUI, resisting arrest after fleeing crash

Shortly after 11 p.m. on Sunday Trooper Tara Poor was dispatched to reports of a road rage incident on Route 95 southbound in the area of Exit 54 in Reading. It was reported that the vehicle, an Acura sedan, was being operated erratically traveling southbound behind a group of plow trucks actively clearing the roadway after Sunday's snow storm. The Acura crashed into another vehicle multiple times then fled the scene after the plow trucks exited at Exit 53. Trooper Poor located the Acura traveling approximately 85 miles per hour as she approached Exit 50. She then observed the Acura to crash into the center median guardrail and come to rest in a snowbank. Trooper Poor approached the Acura and confirmed the operator, identified as DAVID PECK, 57, of York, Maine, was uninjured. While doing so she observed numerous signs of impairment suspected to be caused by alcohol intoxication. Several other cruisers then arrived on scene to assist.

Troopers suspected PECK was too intoxicated to operate his vehicle and asked him to step out, however, he restarted the ignition and attempted to leave the scene. Troopers were able to turn the ignition off and take control of PECK, escorting him out of the driver's seat. After removing him from the vehicle PECK continued to physically resist. Due to the extremely unsafe road conditions, combined with other vehicle traffic passing by while in the left travel lane of Route 95, Troopers cooperated and were able to place PECK in custody and in the rear of a cruiser. Troopers learned on scene that PECK's driver's license was suspended due to multiple prior charges of Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol. After an inventory of his vehicle Troopers located open containers of alcohol in the passenger compartment.

He was eventually transported to State Police-Newbury for booking. A bail commissioner was contacted and set bail at \$2,000. He was scheduled for arraignment at Salem District Court on the following charges:

- OUI – Liquor, 6th Offense;
  - Resisting Arrest;
  - Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Crash;
  - Reckless Operation of a Motor Vehicle;
  - Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License;
  - Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle;
  - Marked Lanes Violation; and
  - Speeding
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## **New Bedford Police Department charges juvenile with firearm offenses**

On February 9, NBPD Gang Detectives seized a loaded 380 caliber handgun from a juvenile with known gang ties while patrolling in the area of Roosevelt St.

The juvenile had recently posted gun-centric photos online. The handgun was located during a subsequent encounter.

The serial numbers on the gun had been obliterated. The juvenile was charged with illegal possession of a firearm with a defaced serial number.

Detective Samuel Algarin-Mojica investigated the case.

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# Wareham Police charge woman for vandalizing property and assault with an axe

Friday, February 5: Wareham police responded to an address on Cromesett Road at 2:23 p.m. for a report of a female brandishing an axe and attempting to hit a person with it. While responding, officers were updated that the female had left the scene in an auto. The vehicle was spotted by Officer Jennifer Braley in the area of Marion Road and Gibbs Avenue. She stopped the vehicle, assisted by Lt. Walter Correia and Officer Zina Kelsch.

Sgt. Paul Somers responded to the original call location and determined that the female suspect had allegedly caused damage to the house and a vehicle parked in the driveway.

In addition, she reportedly punched a male in the face before arming herself with the axe. The victim stated that the female lifted the axe in the air and tried to strike him. The male was able to grab the axe, and the female suspect fled the area. This was not a random incident as the victim and suspect are known to each other.

Charlene Marino (53), of Wareham, was arrested and charged with two counts of vandalizing property, assault with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery.

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# **Repeat New Bedford drug offender charged with Fentanyl trafficking while on parole**

On February 8, New Bedford Police Department Narcotics Detectives executed a search warrant at 56 Ashley St., Apt. #3S. As a result, approximately 39 grams of fentanyl and more than \$1,000 in cash was seized.

51-year old Edwin Cabezuedo of 56 Ashley St., Apt. #3S was arrested and charged with trafficking fentanyl. Cabezuedo has numerous previous convictions for drug distribution. He was last convicted in 2018. Edwin is currently on parole and was released from custody in July of 2020. Detective Nathaniel Almeida was the lead investigator on this case.

New Bedford Narcotics Detectives continue to work tirelessly against the scourge of illicit opiate distribution and the negative impact it has on our community.

If you have any information on criminal activity in your neighborhood, the New Bedford Police Dept. wants to hear from you. You can leave an anonymous tip on our voicemail at (508) 991-6300 Ext. 1.

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## **Massachusetts State Police**

# track suspect OUI driver into marsh

"Shortly after midnight Saturday morning, while on patrol out of the State Police-Danvers Barracks, Massachusetts State Trooper Thomas Hashem observed a 2007 Volkswagen Jetta off the roadway on Route 128 at the Grant Circle rotary in Gloucester. The Jetta, which had apparently just crashed, was amid some bushes and had heavy front end damage, and no occupant of the vehicle was present.

Trooper Hashem then observed a person in a black hoodie running in the area of the Jasmine Garden parking lot toward an adjacent marsh. Trooper Christopher Thurlow from the MSP K9 Unit responded to assist and deployed his partner Devaney (pictured) on a track from the Jetta. Devaney tracked across the rotary and into the marshland, leading Troopers Thurlow and Hashem through thick vegetation. Devaney and the Troopers soon located the man in the black hoodie lying face down in thick reeds.

The man, who had an unopened can of beer in the back pocket of his jeans, appeared to have fallen asleep. Trooper Hashem woke the man and detained him, and the Troopers made several observations indicating that the man was heavily intoxicated.

The Troopers were eventually able to identify the man as KENNETH COLLINS, 28, of Georgetown and transported him to the Danvers Barracks. COLLINS refused a breath test but complained of pain and was transported to Beverly Hospital. Trooper Hashem waited with COLLINS at the hospital for several hours while he was evaluated and treated. Upon his release from the hospital,

COLLINS was taken back to the Barracks and booked on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol, operating a motor

vehicle after suspension, and leaving the scene of a crash causing personal injury.

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## **Two shot in overnight New Bedford shootings**

New Bedford police detectives are investigating two shooting incidents that took place in New Bedford overnight.

Just after midnight, police responded to a call for shots fired at 78 Tallman St. Two victims were located. Both victims were transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Shortly after 1 a.m., police responded to a call for shots fired in the area of Maxfield and Emerson streets. There were no victims. However, evidence of shots fired was located.

Both incidents are being actively investigated by the NBPD Major Crimes Division.

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## **New Bedford Police seize**

# **cocaine, counterfeit Percocet pills, Fentanyl, bullets, cash**

A search warrant leads to drug seizure at 353 Park St.:

On Feb. 3, NBPD Narcotics and Gang Detectives seized approximately 48 grams of cocaine, hundreds of counterfeit Percocet pills containing Fentanyl weighing approximately 135 grams, five bullets, and \$1,420 at 353 Park St. Gregory Lima, 64, 353 Park St., was the target of a search warrant that led to this seizure.

He was arrested and charged with trafficking in cocaine and trafficking in fentanyl. Counterfeit pills disguised to appear as pharmaceutical grade pain killers are often pressed with fentanyl and sold illicitly.

This yields a higher street price but can lead to a user believing that what they are using is professionally manufactured. Detective Tim Soares investigated the case.

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## **Bristol County and Fall River K9 teams graduate firearms detection program; BCSO concludes program in**

# detecting explosives

The impact of Friday's K9 Graduation Ceremony is crystal clear.

"When you take a gun off the street, we're all safer," Lt. Kenneth Almeida told the officers, administrators, family and friends gathered at the Bristol County Sheriff's Office on Friday morning. "These dogs are more than ready to make a difference in the community."

Bristol County and the city of Fall River took a big step toward a decrease in gun crimes with the graduation of three firearm-detection dogs, including one who can also detect the chemicals present in bombs and other explosives.





*Fall River Police Sgt. Jeff Richard and his partner, Odin, graduated from the firearms detection program on Friday. BCSO photo.*

Bristol County Sheriff's Office K9 Officer Ryan Isherwood and his partner, Xiro, joined Fall River Police Department Sgt. Jeff Richard and his partner, Odin, and FRPD Officer Kevin Lopes and his partner, Joseph, in graduating from the firearms detection program. Xiro, Odin and Joseph are trained and can detect the odors associated with guns and ammunition.

"Fall River and Bristol County are safer today than they were yesterday, and that's because of the tremendous accomplishments of these law enforcement professionals," Bristol County Special Sheriff Bruce Assad said.

Officer Isherwood and Xiro also completed the bomb detection program. They are now able to detect and identify the odors associated with explosives.

Lt. Almeida led the training academy for the three graduates. As a previous graduate of both the firearms and explosives detection programs, he used lessons learned from his experiences, as well as from his trainings and work with the State Police, ATF and other state and federal agencies to develop and run these academies.





*Fall River Police K9 Officer Kevin Lopes and his partner, Joseph, graduated from the firearms detection program on Friday. BCSO photo.*

"I can't say how proud I am of Lt. Almeida. He has taken our program to new heights," BCSO Capt. Paul Douglas said before turning to the regional training group, which includes officers from Bristol County and police departments in Fall River, New Bedford and Somerset. "Any of these officers will give you the shirt off their backs, at 2 p.m. or 2 a.m. There's no one better."

"We feel this is the best team in the state," BCSO Supt. Steven Souza said. "They're always ready to go."



The graduations continue next month when BCSO Officer Brennan Bulgar and his partner, Eros, will complete the narcotics detection academy. Led by Sgt. William Dillingham, the academy focuses on illegal narcotics, from cocaine and heroin to fentanyl and Suboxone, and how Eros can detect their odors in a variety of environments.



*Bristol County Sheriff's Office K9 Officer Ryan Isherwood and his partner, Xiro, graduated from the firearms and explosives detection program on Friday. BCSO photo.*

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# Marion man charged with Cruelty to Animals after execution of search warrant

Chief Richard Nighelli reports that the Marion Police Department arrested and charged a man Thursday evening with animal cruelty.

BRANDON R. DAVIS, AGE 26, OF MARION, was arrested and charged with:

- \* Cruelty to an Animal
- \* Possession of Ammunition Without an LTC/FID Card

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, Marion Animal Control Officer Susan Connor received information regarding a pitbull-type dog that was allegedly being kept by DAVIS inside of a home on Mill Street. The person was concerned for the wellbeing of the animal, which was reportedly being kept inside of a cage in the home and was only being let out of the cage a few times per day to go to the bathroom outside. The person also reported unsanitary conditions inside of the dog's cage and that the dog was emaciated.

ACO Connor went to the home Wednesday and attempted to speak with DAVIS regarding the complaint, but was unable to make contact with anyone inside of the home. ACO Connor also observed a dead chicken on the ground outside of the home.

On Thursday, Feb. 4, Marion Police obtained and subsequently executed a search warrant for the home.

Officers found a female pitbull-type dog inside of a cage. The dog appeared to be emaciated and had blood on its tail. It was immediately seized by ACO Connor and transported to Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists where it is receiving treatment. The

dog is expected to make a full recovery but will likely require extensive treatment and rehabilitation.

Officers observed what appeared to be animal waste, dirty rags, scattered dried dog food and overturned water bowls without signs of drinking water inside of the cage. During their search of the home, officers also located ammunition.

DAVIS was arrested at the home without incident and was released on \$340 bail. He is expected to be arraigned today in Wareham District Court.

"I'd like to commend ACO Connor, Det. Scott Smith, Officer Jonathan Castro and Sgt. Sean Day for their diligent work throughout this investigation, which resulted in an animal being removed from poor conditions," Chief Nighelli said. "I'd also like to thank Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists for their work providing care and treatment to the dog."

The Marion Police Department is accepting donations to the PAUS Fund, which is a town fund that regularly aids in the placement and care of animals, to assist in covering the cost of the dog's veterinary care. Anyone interested in donating to the fund can mail a check to:

**Marion Police Department**

*550 Mill St.*

*P.O. Box 636*

*Marion, MA 02738*

*Attn: PAUS Fund*

Checks should be made out to the Town of Marion with a memo of "PAUS Fund."

These are allegations. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

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# 26-year old New Bedford armed robber sentenced to prison

A 26-year-old New Bedford man, who committed an armed robbery of a convenience store nearly two years ago, was sentenced to serve three to five years in state prison on Monday, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Joshua Bishop pleaded guilty in Fall River Superior Court to a single-count indictment, charging him with Armed Robbery While Masked.

On March 23, 2019, the defendant entered the Shop Smart on Ashley Boulevard at 1:25PM. He was wearing a red-material with blue markings over his face and nose. The defendant approached the register, brandished a knife, and demanded money from the cashier. The cashier recognized the defendant as "Josh," who regularly frequents the store. The defendant then fled the store after stealing about \$300 in cash.

Upon arrival at the scene, responding New Bedford Police officers met with a third party, who was talking with the victim. The third party stated he had observed the defendant fleeing the store. Police dispatch then sent a text message to the responding officer containing a photo of the suspect. The victim immediately recognized the man in the photo by saying, "that's him."

He was arrested in October, 2019 on a warrant on this case.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney William Flynn and the state prison term was imposed by Judge Sharon Donatelle.

“The defendant committed a very serious crime against a innocent person just trying to make a living. The sentence holds him accountable,” District Attorney Quinn said.