

Former Director of Constituent Services for a Boston City Councilor sentenced to prison for distributing of fentanyl

A former employee of the City of Boston was sentenced today to eight months in federal prison for distributing cocaine and fentanyl.

Gary “Jamal” Webster, 36, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Allison D. Burroughs to eight months in prison and two years of supervised release. The government sought a sentence of 30 months of incarceration.

In November 2019, Webster pleaded guilty to four counts of distributing and possessing with intent to distribute cocaine, one count of distributing and possessing with intent to distribute more than 40 grams of fentanyl and one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine and fentanyl.

In September and October 2016, a cooperating witness made four controlled purchases of cocaine and one purchase of fentanyl from Webster, who was then the Director of Constituent Services for a Boston City Councilor. He was a project manager for the Boston Planning and Development Agency at the time of his arrest. In total, Webster sold over 300 grams (two-thirds of one pound) of cocaine and 49 grams of fentanyl to a cooperating witness during the two-month period.

This case was part of Operation Landshark, a federal investigation that targeted impact players and repeat offenders in Brockton and Boston, many of whom had prior

convictions for acts of violence, firearm offenses and/or drug trafficking.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Field Division; Colonel Christopher Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz; Suffolk County District Attorney Rachel Rollins; Boston Police Commissioner William Gross; and Brockton Police Chief Emanuel Gomes made the announcement today. The investigation was conducted by the FBI's North Shore Gang Task Force and Southeastern Massachusetts Gang Task Force. Valuable assistance was provided by the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Boston Field Division; Plymouth and Essex County Sheriff's Offices; Massachusetts Department of Corrections; U.S. Parole Commission; U.S. Postal Inspection Services; and the U.S. Secret Service. Assistant U.S. Attorney Philip A. Mallard of Lelling's Organized Crime and Gang Unit is prosecuting the case.

Operation Landshark was part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. DOJ reinvigorated PSN in 2017 as part of the Department's renewed focus on targeting violent criminals, directing all U.S. Attorney's Offices to work in partnership with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and the local community to develop effective, locally-based strategies to reduce violent crime.

Massachusetts State Police seek public's help in alleged child abduction

Salem Police and Massachusetts State Police are seeking to locate a male suspect who did not return his son to his Salem home from a pre-arranged visit yesterday evening.

The suspect is ANTHONY LONANO SR., 40. He is white, approximately 6'2", 170 lbs., with brown hair and brown eyes.

The child is ANTHONY LONANO JR., 11. He is approximately 4'10" and 77 lbs., with short brown hair and brown eyes.

The vehicle of interest is a green/aqua 2020 Toyota Camry with Massachusetts plate 3LFN51. A representative image of the vehicle (not the exact car) is included with this post.

ANTHONY LONANO SR. has shared custody of the child but did not return him to his home as he was supposed to do at 7 PM yesterday.

LONANO SR. has connections to North Andover and Clinton.

The incident is under review to determine if it meets the criteria for an AMBER Alert. As of this time an AMBER has not yet been activated.

Anyone who sees this vehicle, or ANTHONY LONANO SR. or LONANO JR., or anyone who has information about their whereabouts, should call 911 immediately.

We are working on getting photos of suspect and child. This post includes a representative image of vehicle.

DEA charges 12 from New Bedford, Fall River, Rhode Island drug raids overnight

Drug Enforcement Administration Acting Administrator Timothy J. Shea today announced that the DEA will direct resources to help reduce violent crime in communities throughout the country. Under this initiative, called Project Safeguard, DEA will identify and prioritize ongoing drug trafficking investigations with a nexus to violent crime.

Agents executed search warrants in Lawrence, Lynn, Fall River, New Bedford and Providence, R.I., and yielded more than a 1 kilogram of heroin with a street value of at least \$100,000.

“Drug trafficking and violent crime are inextricably linked,” said Acting Administrator Shea. “From the extreme levels of violence in Mexican cartels, to the open air drug markets in American cities, drug traffickers employ violence, fear, and intimidation to ply their trade. Neighborhoods across our country are terrorized by violent drug trafficking organizations that have little regard for human life, and profit from the pain and suffering of our people. Along with our law enforcement partners, DEA is committed to safeguarding the health and safety of our communities.”

“Project Safeguard is an example of DEA’s dedication to working with our local, state and federal partners in identifying, targeting and investigating violent criminals who are involved in trafficking drugs and firearms,” said DEA Special Agent in Charge Brian D. Boyle. “As we all know, drug trafficking in our communities, along with the gun and

physical violence that often accompanies it, is a serious threat to our families and communities. These crimes rob the neighborhoods of safety and hold law-abiding citizens of New England hostage to drug-fueled lawlessness. This is unacceptable and will not be allowed to happen.”

Working in collaboration with our federal, state, and local partners, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the U.S. Marshals Service, DEA’s Project Safeguard will comprise three focus areas to address the growing violent crime threat in many cities across the United States:

- Disrupting, dismantling, and destroying the most significant violent drug trafficking organizations throughout the United States;
- Increasing collaboration with ATF to ensure effective federal prosecution of firearms traffickers associated with drug trafficking organizations; and
- Prioritizing the capture of DEA fugitives who employ violence as part of drug trafficking.

The traffickers that flood our communities with deadly drugs, including opioids, heroin, fentanyl, meth and cocaine, are often the same criminals responsible for the high rates of assault, murder, and gang activity in our cities. These criminals employ fear, violence, and intimidation to traffic drugs, and in doing so, exacerbate a drug crisis that claims more than 70,000 American lives every year. DEA is committed to treating these crimes as homicides, where appropriate.

In recent months, violent crime has spiked in numerous cities and regions around the country, and drug trafficking is responsible, in part, for this violence.

Since it began in August 2020, Project Safeguard has resulted in 128 cases, 254 arrests – including 2 DEA fugitives, 299 firearms, \$6.9 Million in seized assets, 16.9 kilos of

fentanyl, 11.5 kilos of heroin in the New England Field Division.



The graphic features a dark blue background with a gold police badge in the top left corner. The title "Project Safeguard NEFD Arrests and Seizures" is centered at the top in a white serif font. Below the title, on the left, is a photograph of various firearms laid out on a white surface. On the right, a list of statistics is presented in a white serif font.

Project Safeguard NEFD Arrests and Seizures	
Arrests:	254
Firearms:	299
Currency:	\$6.94 million
Fentanyl:	16.97 kilograms
Heroin:	11.56 kilograms
Cocaine:	9.04 kilograms
Methamphetamine:	2.88 kilograms
Marijuana:	115.95 kilograms

Massachusetts Environmental Police charge individuals for illegal use of fishing net

Recently Officers were informed of individuals illegally utilizing a net to capture fish at Coe's Reservoir in Worcester. Upon arrival, the Officer located the individuals in question as they were preparing to leave. When nearing their vehicle, the Officer saw in plain view a net containing a large amount of fish.

An inspection found the net to contain 54 White Perch, 32 Bluegill, 2 Calico Bass, and 2 Carp, resulting in the following charges:

- No Freshwater Fishing License
- Illegal Method of Take (Gill Net)
- Failure to have Permit to Net Carp
- Failure to Produce Fishing Equipment Upon Demand

The fish were found not fit for human consumption and subsequently destroyed.

New Bedford Police arrest Fall River man for trafficking \$140,000 worth of fentanyl

On Oct. 17th, New Bedford police officers conducted a traffic stop at the Kempton Street/Oneida Street intersection. As a result of the stop and subsequent investigation, approximately 1,400 grams of fentanyl, with a street value of approximately \$140 thousand dollars, was seized.

The vehicle's operator, 33-year old Carlo Jimenez of 285 Sunset Hill in Fall River, was charged with operating with an expired license and trafficking in fentanyl in excess of 200 grams. □Detective Kevin Barbosa was the arresting officer.

New Bedford man arrested for trafficking fentanyl from Pleasant Street apartment

On October 13, New Bedford police officers seized 68 grams of fentanyl, 7 grams of cocaine, 506 grams of marijuana, multiple Percocet pills, a 22-caliber firearm with bullets, and more than \$1,000 at 246 Pleasant St. #1 in New Bedford.

39-year old Manuel Rebeiro of 246 Pleasant St #1, was charged with trafficking, possession, and firearms-related offenses. Fentanyl is responsible for 93% of all overdose deaths in Massachusetts.

This was a subsequent offense. □□Detective Kevin Barbosa investigated the case. If you have any information on criminal activity in your community, 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.

Man throws “flaming lumber” into Seattle police vehicle while officer still inside

Around 1:30 PM on Thursday, a Seattle police officer was in their patrol vehicle in an alley between Dexter Avenue and John Street looking for a man who was reportedly brandishing a flaming piece of lumber. The officer found the man, who threw the flaming lumber—believed to be a 2×2—into the patrol

vehicle while the officer was still inside.

Additional responding officers chased the man into a parking garage where they deployed a taser and took him into custody. One officer is believed to have discharged a firearm during the incident. The suspect was not struck.

Additionally, as officers were arresting the man, the flames from the burning lumber engulfed the entire patrol vehicle. One officer was transported to Harborview Medical Center with non-life-threatening burns.

Morale is low and according to **a Washington news organization**, at least 118 Seattle police officers have separated from the Seattle police department – 39 officers left in September. Typically, six officers leave the force on a monthly average. There are now 1,200 officers in service in Seattle – the lowest number in a decade.

Massachusetts State Police arrest combative and reckless driver after car pursuit

Shortly after 5 PM today a Massachusetts State Police Trooper located a Toyota Corolla that witnesses had reported was going more than 100 mph and weaving in and out of traffic on the Massachusetts Turnpike eastbound. The Corolla also had no license plates.

The Trooper attempted to stop the erratic operator in the Millbury area. The Corolla's driver refused to stop and fled, continuing at a high rate of speed in light traffic

conditions. MSP Troop C Headquarters assumed command and control of the pursuit.

Shortly after 5:20 PM the suspect vehicle, still fleeing to evade Troopers, crossed into MSP Troop H, and that Troop's Headquarters took command and control of the pursuit.

In Framingham, the suspect vehicle attempted to take the ramp at Exit 12 at a high speed and crashed and rolled over.

The female operator, the lone occupant of the vehicle, exited the car under her own power and became combative with Troopers. Troopers took her into custody. The suspect complained of pain and was taken by medical helicopter to UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester.

At this hour the suspect is in the process of being released from the hospital and will be transported to State Police-Charlton to be booked on charges including refusal to stop for police, operating to be endanger, plate violation, speeding, among other offenses.

The suspect is identified as CARLA JOFFRE PENA, 20, of Dorchester.

Investigation indicates that prior to her erratic operation today, PENA had the Corolla brought from a tow yard to a Springfield address, where she took control of the car and began to drive east.

The Corolla had been towed to the tow yard after PENA was previously arrested four days ago. This past Sunday, Oct. 11, an MSP Trooper observed her driving on the Massachusetts Turnpike in Ludlow with a stolen plate attached to the Corolla. When stopped by the Trooper, PENA also was found to be unlicensed and the car was not registered, not insured, and had no inspection sticker. She was arrested for those offenses after that stop on Sunday and arraigned in Palmer District Court yesterday. She arranged to get the car back today.

Massachusetts State Trooper arrests three men for possession of rifle, pistol

Shortly before 5 p.m. yesterday Trooper Jeffrey Lang, assigned to State Police-Weston, was traveling on Route 90 westbound. As he was at the 121 mile marker in Weston he observed a gray Dodge Caravan erratically change lanes, causing another vehicle to take evasive action to avoid a collision. Trooper Lang activated his blue lights and siren and stopped the Caravan.

After the vehicle came to a stop, Trooper Lang approached it and identified the operator as ALEXANDER FOREMAN, 62, of Worcester. Trooper Lang gathered his information and quickly discovered FOREMAN's license was suspended. Trooper Lang removed him from the vehicle and placed him under arrest, then attempted to gather a bag at the request of FOREMAN. After taking hold of the bag, Trooper Lang could feel what he suspected to be a firearm inside. He unzipped the bag and located a loaded Bersa .380 pistol. FOREMAN does not possess a license to carry firearms. Sergeant Denis Mahoney and Trooper Alexi Martin then arrived on scene to assist.

After securing FOREMAN, Troopers removed two other occupants, identified as CLAUDE FOREMAN, 33, of Boston and SANDY FOREMAN, 59, of Arlington, from the vehicle and immediately located what appeared to be a rifle case in their immediate reach. Trooper Lang opened the bag and located a Winchester Rifle inside. Neither of the other two occupants possessed a license to carry firearms and were placed under arrest as well. Troopers also located 28 rounds of ammunition located in a

black sock.

The three men were then transported to State Police-Weston for booking. A bail commissioner was contacted and set bail at \$7000 for CLAUDE FOREMAN, \$2000 for ALEXANDER FOREMAN, and \$1000 for SANDY FOREMAN. They are expected to be arraigned at Waltham District Court on the following offenses.

ALEXANDER FOREMAN:

- Possession of a Firearm, two counts;
- Carrying a Loaded Firearm;
- Possession of Ammunition without FID Card;
- Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, subsequent offense;
- Marked Lanes Violation.

CLAUDE FOREMAN:

- Possession of a Firearm; and
- Possession of Ammunition without FID Card.

SANDY FOREMAN:

- Possession of a Firearm; and
- Possession of Ammunition without FID Card.

Brockton domestic abuser/animal cruelty defendant sentenced to prison

A 28-year-old Brockton man who, in late 2018, went on a violent rampage inside his girlfriend's Taunton home which resulted in the stabbing of her father and her dog, was sentenced last week to serve two to three years in state

prison, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Leonardo Medina pled guilty to indictments charging him with two counts of assault and battery on a family or household member, and one count each of animal cruelty, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

On December 9, 2018 the defendant arrived at his girlfriend's home at 3:00 in the morning, walked into the residence, and started punching her in the face for no apparent reason.

When the victim asked him what he was doing, he swore at her and told her to shut up. At that point, the victim screamed for her father, who was sleeping in a downstairs bedroom. When the father came upstairs, the defendant attacked him and punched him in the face. The defendant then began ransacking the kitchen when he was once again confronted by the female victim's father. The defendant, now armed with a kitchen knife, stabbed the father in the side of his stomach.

During the incident, the defendant also stabbed the family dog, an older Labrador retriever, in the leg.

When police arrived on scene, they were forced to deploy their tasers in order to get the defendant to comply with commands and submit to arrest.

The female victim was noted to have swelling on her face and a bloody lip. The father was transported to Morton Hospital in Taunton, where he was treated for his stab wound. The dog did not require hospitalization and did recover from the knife wound to its leg.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Lopes and the state prison sentence was imposed by Judge Thomas Perrino.

Upon his release from prison, the defendant will be placed on

supervised probation with several conditions. The conditions include the successful completion of a batteries counseling program and an anger management counseling program. The defendant must also not come within 1,000 feet of there victim's residence and make no direct or indirect contact with either victim.

"The defendant went on a violent rampage that included assaulting the two victims and stabbing their dog. Fortunately. no one was seriously injured. The defendant was held accountable for his violent behavior. He will be on supervised release for an additional two years and has been ordered to undergo a mental health evaluation," District Attorney Quinn said.