

# Massachusetts State Troopers arrest man for possession of gun, narcotics

Just after 1 a.m. today Trooper Joseph Lamusta, assigned to State Police-Revere, was conducting enforcement of motor vehicle laws on the Lynnway prior to Blossom Street in Lynn. At that time he observed a Suzuki GSXR motorcycle pass him with numerous equipment violations. Trooper Lamusta pulled into traffic and effected a traffic stop on the motorcycle.

After the motorcycle stopped Trooper Lamusta approached the operator, identified as ANDERSON VAZQUEZ, 33, of Lynn, and informed him why he was stopped. VAZQUEZ was acting strangely causing Trooper Lamusta to request backup. Trooper Stephen Thomson and Trooper Michael Daly arrived a short time later.

While speaking to VAZQUEZ, Troopers discovered he only possessed a learner's permit to operate a motorcycle. Riders with learner's permits are only permitted to operate a motorcycle between dawn and dusk, any other time they are considered to be operating without a license, a criminal offense. Trooper Lamusta requested a tow truck to respond to the scene then began an inventory of the motorcycle. During the inventory troopers located multiple full boxes of firearm ammunition. It was confirmed that VAZQUEZ did not possess a license to carry firearms, or a firearms identification card, and Trooper Lamusta placed VAZQUEZ under arrest. He was escorted to Trooper Lamusta's cruiser where a search of his person was conducted prior to placing him in the rear seat. Trooper Lamusta located a loaded .22 caliber revolver in a fanny pack worn around VAZQUEZ's waist. Additionally, the firearm was listed to be stolen from the proper owner.

Also located in the fanny pack were numerous prescription

medications not belonging to VAZQUEZ. These medications were considered to be controlled substances.

VAZQUEZ was transported to SP Revere where he was booked and ordered held for court without bail. He was arraigned today at Lynn District Court on the following charges:

- Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle;
  - Possession of a Class E Drug;
  - Possession of a Class B Drug;
  - Possession of a Firearm;
  - Possession of Ammunition without FID Card;
  - Carrying a Loaded Firearm;
  - Armed Career Criminal;
  - Receive Stolen Property Under \$1200; and
  - Motor Vehicle Equipment Violation.
- 

## **Dominican National Sentenced for Social Security Fraud and Identity Theft in Massachusetts**

A Dominican national residing in Lynn was sentenced on July 10th in federal court in Boston for Social Security fraud and aggravated identity theft.

Nelson Bolivar, 54, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Denise J. Casper to two years and one day in prison and two years of supervised release. Bolivar will face deportation proceedings upon completion of his sentence. In May 2019, Bolivar pleaded guilty to one count of false representation of

a Social Security number and one count of aggravated identity theft. Bolivar was arrested and charged in a July 2018 federal law enforcement sweep of 25 individuals accused of document and benefit fraud.

Dubbed "Double Trouble," the July 2018 investigation was conducted by Homeland Security Investigation's Document and Benefit Fraud Task Force (DBFTF), comprised of local, state and federal agencies with expertise in detecting, deterring and disrupting organizations and individuals involved in various types of document, identity and benefit fraud schemes.

On July 13, 2015, Bolivar, a citizen of the Dominican Republic, applied for a Massachusetts Identification Card using the name and Social Security number of a Puerto Rican citizen. He presented a Puerto Rican birth certificate and a Social Security card in the other person's name to the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles as proof of his identity. Based on the application and supporting identity documents, Bolivar was issued an identification card in the name of the Puerto Rican citizen. Bolivar also used the name and Social Security number of a Puerto Rican citizen to receive MassHealth benefits.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Peter C. Fitzhugh, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Boston; Phillip Coyne, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General; Scott Antolik, Special Agent in Charge of the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations, Boston Field Division; Christina Scaringi, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General, Northeast Regional Office; Michael Mikulka, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations; William B. Gannon, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service, Boston Field Office;

Joseph W. Cronin, Inspector in Charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service; Colonel Kerry A. Gilpin, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; and Massachusetts State Auditor Suzanne M. Bump made the announcement. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen Burzycki of Lelling's Major Crimes Unit prosecuted the case.

---

## **Massachusetts State Troopers Injured After Cruisers are Struck by Suspected OUI Driver**

At 12:56 a.m. today a suspected drunk driver struck two Massachusetts State Police cruisers that were stationary during a motor vehicle stop on Route 27 at Westgate Drive in Brockton.

The impaired driver's vehicle, which was traveling north on Route 27, struck the rear of one cruiser, and pushed that cruiser into the rear of the second cruiser that was ahead of it. The impact then pushed the second cruiser into the 2011 Subaru Forester that had been stopped by the Troopers.

At the time of the crash the Subaru that had been stopped was in the breakdown lane. Both fully marked cruisers, positioned to protect the Subaru, were in the right lane with their overhead blue emergency lights flashing.

Each cruiser – one a 2013 Ford Interceptor utility vehicle and the other a 2015 Interceptor – carried two Troopers, a Field Training Officer and a new Trooper from the MSP recruit class

that graduated on June 27.

All four Troopers, all males, were transported by ambulances to Good Samaritan Hospital in Brockton for non-life threatening injuries of varying severity. They were treated and released this morning.

The operator of the 2013 Hyundai Genesis sedan that struck the cruisers, FRANDY JOSE RAMIREZ RODRIGUEZ (a male), 26, of Brockton, was determined to be under the influence of alcohol and operating after a previous license suspension. RAMIREZ RODRIGUEZ was taken into custody by Troopers and charged with the following offenses:

- OUI Liquor;
- Operating a Motor Vehicle After License Suspension;
- Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle;
- Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle;
- Marked Lanes Violation; and
- Failure to Take Care in Starting, Stopping, or Turning.

The 29-year-old male operator of the Subaru – the driver who was stopped by the Troopers – was also transported to Good Samaritan for possible minor injuries. He is also a Brockton resident.

RAMIREZ RODRIGUEUZ is expected to be arraigned today in Brockton District Court.

---

# **Couple charged with armed robbery at Stop & Save Gas in New Bedford**

At around 11:00 pm on Thursday, New Bedford police arrested a New Bedford couple for armed robbery with a baseball bat at the Stop & Save Gas at 129 Ashley BLVD in New Bedford.

According to New Bedford police, 21-year old Natasha Sebastiao was speaking to the male victim/witness when her boyfriend, 29-year old Tiago Melo, approached the two and started yelling at the man, asking why he was speaking to her. Tiago Melo allegedly chased the male victim with a baseball bat. The victim alleges Natasha Sebastiao assisted Tiago Melo.

Police report that the victim dropped his cell phone and charger which was allegedly taken by Tiago Melo.

Both Natasha Sebastiao and Tiago Melo are being charged with armed robbery.

---

# **Massachusetts police seize 12 illegally-owned firearms, 3,100+ rounds of ammo, pills**

An investigation by the Massachusetts State Police Crime Gun Unit, with assistance from other State Police units and Holbrook Police, resulted in the arrest Friday of a Holbrook man and the seizure of 12 illegally-owned firearms, more than 3,100 rounds of illegally-owned ammunition, and assorted

pills.

State Police charged STEPHEN BUCKMAN, 53, with a host of firearm and drug charges. The investigation determined that BUCKMAN has neither a license to carry firearms nor a Firearms Identification Card.

On Thursday, July 11, based on information developed by the Massachusetts State Police, Troopers applied for and obtained a search warrant for a garage bay at 763 South St. in Holbrook, a business location affiliated with BUCKMAN, who lists his occupation as a self-employed mechanic. Early the next morning, Troopers from the Crime Gun Unit, along with Troopers from the State Police Gang Unit and State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section, along with Holbrook Police Officers, set up surveillance at two locations, the garage that was the target of the warrant and BUCKMAN's residence on Juniper Street in Holbrook. Elements from the State Police Special Tactical Operations Team (MSP STOP), the department's high-risk entry and arrest unit, were also present at both locations.

At approximately 7:45 a.m. Friday, July 12, Troopers and Officers knocked and announced their presence at the South Street garage. Receiving no response, MSP STOP Troopers conducted a forced entry. No one was present in the garage, which was secured and then searched. Members of the warrant team located and seized the following items:

- 11 handguns (semi-automatic pistols and revolvers);

- A .22 caliber rifle;

- A large volume of assorted types of ammunition, estimated to total more than 3,100 rounds;

- Handgun magazines, some of them large-capacity magazines;

- A pill bottle containing assorted types of pills, including Oxycodone, Suboxone, Methadone, Clonazepam, Trazadone, Nuloxone, and Cyclobenzaprine, wrapped in clear plastic baggies with knotted ends;

A scale;

Firearms cases; and

A special police officer's badge.

State Police photographed and secured the seized evidence. Several of the firearms had previously been reported stolen, and a pistol and a revolver appeared to have defaced serial numbers.

At approximately 11 a.m., Troopers and Officers approached BUCKMAN's Juniper Street home and knocked on the door and announced themselves. BUCKMAN came to the door and was notified that he was under arrest. Troopers transported BUCKMAN to State Police-Milton, where he was booked on the following charges:

Illegal possession of a firearm (12 counts);

- Improper storage of firearms;
- Possession of firearms with defaced serial numbers;
- Possession of a Class B substance with intent to distribute;
- Possession of a Class E substance with intent to distribute;
- Possession of a firearm in commission of a felony; and
- Receiving stolen property (2 counts).

BUCKMAN also is currently on probation for possession of heroin with intent to distribute.

Following BUCKMAN's booking, Troopers transported him to the Norfolk County Jail, where he is being held this weekend. He will be arraigned tomorrow in Quincy District Court.

---

# Dartmouth Police Department



# seeks public's help in identifying larcenist

"Calling all cAHs...Calling all cAHs

When Nike launched their "Just Do It" campaign, I bet they weren't referring to larceny.

In any event, this guy did something not so nice this afternoon, when he stole some items from the Mall.

In light of his stupidity, we are not only looking to make him famous on our awesome Facebook page, but also identify him with a little help from our friends ?

If you can help us out, we encourage you to either send us a private message or call Detective Kyle Costa at 508-910-1755.

Thank you!

PLEASE SHARE" – Dartmouth Police Department

---

# Massachusetts State Police arrest man for attempted murder and kidnapping following pursuit

A pursuit on I-90 yesterday (09/12) resulted in the arrest of a Springfield man on numerous charges, including attempted murder and kidnapping.

It began at about 3:00 p.m., when Trooper Chad Smith stopped a 2018 Honda Accord operated by TAHJ MCCORMICK, 23, of Springfield on I-90 Westbound in Chicopee for a marked lanes violation. MCCORMICK initially gave a false name to the trooper and then fled in the vehicle at a high rate of speed.

Troopers pursued the vehicle westbound. The vehicle then took the Exit 3 ramp and traveled over the curbing, maneuvering to change direction on I-90. While the vehicle was traveling in the median, an adult female passenger exited the vehicle while it was still moving and was dragged a short distance before breaking free of the vehicle. Trooper Smith tended to the injured woman while other troopers continued the pursuit, which was now going eastbound on I-90 with the suspect vehicle riding on two flat tires at speeds exceeding 90 mph.

The Accord then took the ramp at Exit 4 in Westfield and crashed into the guardrail. MCCORMICK fled on foot from the vehicle with troopers in pursuit. Trooper Michael Trombley eventually caught up with MCCORMICK and, after a brief struggle, placed him in custody.

MCCORMICK was transported to Noble Hospital in Westfield for treatment of minor injuries before being booked at the Westfield barracks on the following charges:

- Attempted murder
- Kidnapping
- Assault and battery with a dangerous weapon
- OUI drugs
- Operating after revocation as a habitual traffic offender
- Resisting arrest
- Possession of a Class B substance; subsequent offense
- Operator refusing to identify self
- Failure to stop for police
- Speeding
- Negligent operation of a motor vehicle
- Leaving the scene of a personal injury crash

- Leaving the scene of a property damage crash
- Using a motor vehicle without authority
- Breakdown lane violation
- Passing violation
- Marked lanes violation
- Failure to signal

MCCORMICK was held without bail and will be transported to the Ludlow House of Correction pending his arraignment in Chicopee District Court on Monday.

State Police were assisted on scene by Westfield EMS. The female passenger in the Honda Accord was transported to Noble Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

---

## **New Bedford man federally charged with distributing over 100 grams of heroin**

A New Bedford man was charged yesterday in federal court in Boston in connection with heroin distribution.

Ramon Serrano, 41, was charged with possession with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin. He is currently in state custody and will be arraigned in federal court in Boston on July 23, 2019.

According to court documents, on or about **Feb. 20, 2019**, **Serrano was found in New Bedford in possession of over 100 grams of heroin.**

The charge of possession with intent to distribute over 100 grams of heroin provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of

five years and no greater than 40 years in prison, at least four years of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$5 million. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling and New Bedford Police Chief Joseph C. Cordeiro made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Estes of Lelling's Narcotics and Money Laundering Unit is prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the charging document are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

---

## **Massachusetts MS-13 Member Sentenced for Racketeering Conspiracy**

An MS-13 member was sentenced yesterday in federal court in Boston to racketeering conspiracy.

Nelson Cruz Rodriguez Cartagena, a/k/a "Inquieto," 25, a Salvadoran national illegally residing in Everett, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge William G. Young to 17 years in prison and three years of supervised release. Rodriguez will be subject to deportation proceedings upon completion of his sentence. In April 2019, Rodriguez pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to conduct enterprise affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity, commonly referred to as RICO conspiracy. Rodriguez was arrested in

Everett after law enforcement determined that he had reentered the United States after having been deported in 2016.

Rodriguez is a full member, or "homeboy," in MS-13's Everett Locos Salvatrucha (ELS) clique. On recorded prison calls with a detained ELS clique leader, Rodriguez discussed buying guns for the ELS clique; maintaining and supervising the clique's marijuana trafficking business; the need to collect dues from clique members; the need to send money to MS-13 leaders in El Salvador due on the 13th of each month; and reporting on the clique's day-to-day racketeering activities. When the clique leader began to suspect that a member of the ELS clique had cooperated with law enforcement leading to his arrest, he enlisted Rodriguez's help to ferret out the informant. Rodriguez provided the true names of two young ELS clique members, and the leader concluded that one of them, Jose Aguilar Villanueva, a/k/a "Fantasma," was the clique member responsible for his arrest. Once ELS (incorrectly) identified Villanueva as an informant, members of ELS, including Rodriguez, met at the clique's "destroyer house," – a residence where clique members stored knives, machetes, marijuana, and money – to discuss gang business and to plan the murder of Villanueva. Ultimately, on the night of July 5, 2015, two young ELS probationary members, or "chequeos," lured Villanueva into a park in Lawrence and stabbed him to death. Villanueva was 16-years-old.

On Jan. 2, 2016, three young ELS clique members murdered 19-year-old Omar Reyes, an associate of the rival gang, 18th Street, by shooting him in the head under a bridge in Everett. Immediately after the murder, the ELS clique members called Rodriguez, who called another ELS homeboy to report the murder. Rodriguez then helped the three ELS clique members hide the murder weapon from the police.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Field Division; Peter C. Fitzhugh,

Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Boston; Colonel Kerry A. Gilpin, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; Commissioner Carol Mici of the Massachusetts Department of Corrections; Essex County Sheriff Kevin F. Coppinger; Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Thompkins; Suffolk County District Attorney Rachel Rollins; Middlesex County District Attorney Marian T. Ryan; Essex County District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett; Boston Police Commissioner William Gross; Chelsea Police Chief Brian A. Kyes; Everett Police Chief Steven A. Mazzie; Lynn Police Chief Michael Mageary; Revere Police Chief James Guido; and Somerville Police Chief David Fallon made the announcement. The U.S. Marshals Service for the District of Massachusetts provided crucial assistance with the case.

---

## **Massachusetts State Troopers arrest man for illegal distribution of marijuana**

On Monday July 8 Trooper Patrick Greaney, a recently graduated member of the 84th RTT, and his Field Training Officer Trooper Ziad Kamel, conducted a motor vehicle stop on Storrow Drive in Boston after discovering the registered owner possessed a suspended driver's license.

After stopping the Honda Element troopers confirmed the operator was indeed the registered owner, identified as AARON OGUNGBADERO, 39, of Brookline, and placed him under arrest. While conducting an inventory of the vehicle prior to towing it they discovered a large amount of marijuana, edible THC products, and THC oil products.

- Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License;
- Possession of a Class D Drug; and
- Possession of a Class D Drug with Intent to Distribute.

