

Dartmouth Police Department seeks public's help "caging" alleged pet store shoplifter

"Calling all cAHs...Calling all cAHs:

DPD is looking for some help identifying this female, who stole a couple hundred dollars worth of pet supplies from a local merchant. Because we are getting so doggone sick of chasing around shoplifters, if anyone has information that can help us cage her up, they are encouraged to either send us a private message or call Detective Kyle Costa at 508-910-1755.

I'm thinking that someone out there might recognize the huge shoulder tattoo, but that's just me ??☹ In addition, you can also submit an anonymous tip by clicking on the following link:

Thank you, PLEASE SHARE!"-Dartmouth Police Department.



Mellisa's Pet Depot photo.



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**Dartmouth Police Department
seeks public's helping IDing**

alleged “he/she” shoplifter

“Calling all cAHs...Calling all cAHs:

DPD is looking for some help identifying this individual who, based on the facial expression, either realized that he/she got caught on camera shoplifting, or has a bat ? tickling the inside of one of his/her caves ??.

If anyone has information that can help us identify this individual, they are encouraged to either send us a private message or call Detective Kyle Costa at 508-910-1755.

In addition, you can also submit an anonymous tip by clicking on the following link:
<https://www.dartmouthpd.org/resources/tip411-submit-a-tip/>

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Dartmouth Police Department photo.

**75-year old Massachusetts
man's throat slashed, robbed,
suspect eats dinner, sleeps**

on couch

"A prosecutor this week said a fugitive from Brooklyn entered the West End apartment of a 75-year-old man last month, slashed the man's throat, ate his food, slept on his couch and then left in the morning, leaving the body to be discovered during a well-being check later that day.

According to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, 30-year-old Dion Pelzer of Brooklyn was charged in the Central Division of Boston Municipal Court with murder and a fugitive from justice charge out of New York. Judge Tracy-Lee Lyons ordered Pelzer held without bail. Pelzer will return to court April 12 for a pre-trial hearing.

Pelzer has a warrant out of Brooklyn for a January 23 knife assault which left the victim with numerous slash wounds.



30-year old Dion Pelzer.

Assistant District Attorney Ursula Knight, chief of the

Suffolk County District Attorney Civil Rights/High-Risk Victim's Unit, said video surveillance shows Pelzer enter the secured apartment building at 65 Martha Road behind a resident at about 9:30 p.m. on February 15. Pelzer took an elevator to the 11th floor, where video shows him attempting to enter numerous apartments. He then took the elevator down to the 10th floor before returning to the 11th floor to continue testing doors.

The victim, David MacDonald, often left his door unlocked so neighbors and Good Samaritan services such as Meals on Wheels America could bring food without him having to get up and open the door, Knight said.

Knight said Pelzer entered MacDonald's apartment and slashed his throat. Pelzer then ate MacDonald's food and slept on his couch.

At about 8:40 the next morning neighbors knocked on MacDonald's door, which was closed and locked, and received no response. Surveillance video shows Pelzer leaving the building at about 9:13 that morning. Pelzer stole MacDonald's wallet, credit cards and keys, Knight said.

After investigating surveillance footage and other evidence, authorities issued a warrant for Pelzer's arrest on Friday, March 10. On Monday, March 13, Boston police responded to a disturbance at Tufts Medical Center and detained a man, later identified as Pelzer.

"Everything about this case is terrifying, from this man surreptitiously entering a secured residential building, to his testing the doors on numerous units, and, ultimately, to his brutal killing of Mr. MacDonald and his remaining in the apartment with the body until the next morning. This is a tragic reminder of how important it is to be alert to a non-resident attempting to slip into a locked building behind you," Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden said.

Massachusetts Police searching for suspect that allegedly stabbed 79-year old 30 times

“The Office of Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan, Malden Police, and State Police are seeking DION SMITH, 33, of Boston, for the stabbing homicide of a Malden senior citizen. Investigators on Wednesday obtained an arrest warrant charging SMITH with murder after an extensive investigation by Malden Police, Massachusetts State Police Detectives, and the Middlesex District Attorney’s Office, with assistance from the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab and the State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section.

The investigation began February 22, 2023, when police were called to Kennedy Drive for a check of an apartment. The resident of the apartment, Ronald Gilbert, 79, was located deceased inside the apartment. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined Mr. Gilbert had been stabbed more than 30 times. Evidence collected during the investigation suggests Gilbert was killed in late December 2022. The investigation also determined that that DION SMITH was not a resident of the building and that he and Mr. Gilbert do not seem to have known each other.

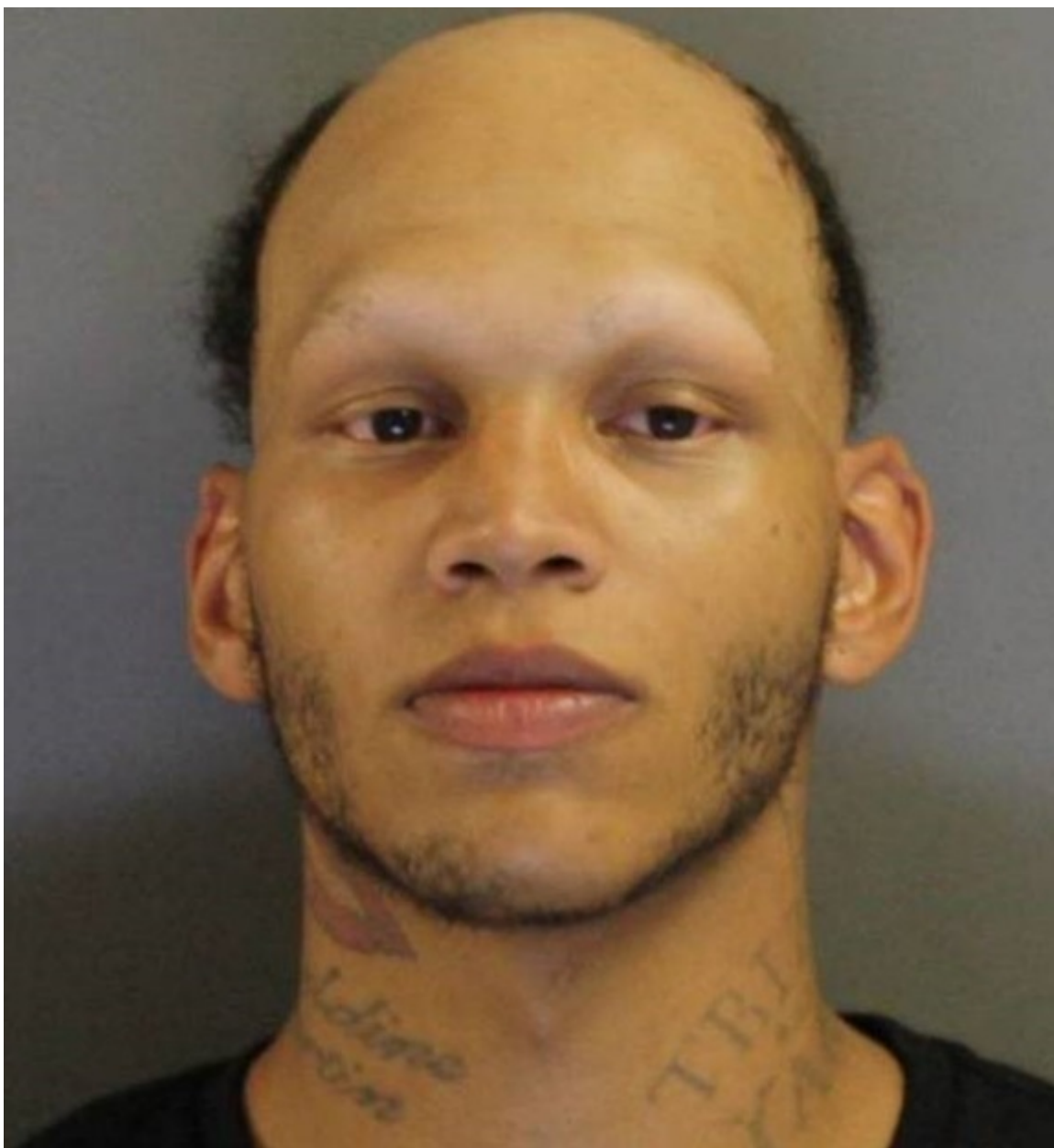
Investigators had previously obtained a warrant charging SMITH with the theft of Mr. Gilbert’s motor vehicle in relation to the same incident.

Trooper and Officers are actively looking for SMITH. He is described as a balding, black male with brown eyes who is 5’9”

tall and weighs approximately 165 pounds. He has multiple words and images tattooed on his neck.

Anyone with any information about SMITH's whereabouts should not approach him and should immediately contact Malden Police at 781-322-1212 or Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the District Attorney's Office at 781-897-6600, or call 911.

DION SMITH's photo, and a close up of his neck tattoos, are included in this post." -Massachusetts State Police.



Massachusetts State Police photo.



Massachusetts State Police photo.

37-year old New Bedford bus depot stabber sentenced to prison

“A 37-year-old New Bedford man who stabbed a romantic rival in the neck at the city bus depot in 2021 and then hours later physically assaulted another man was sentenced to serve up to eight years in state prison on Tuesday in Fall River Superior Court, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Talib Allah pled guilty to indictments charging him with Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon-Causing Serious Bodily Injury, and Assault and Battery.

On September 7, 2021, the defendant was at the bus depot across from the Picadilly Market when he saw the victim was also present. The two men had previously dated the same woman. The defendant screamed, “I’ll kill you” and then charged at the victim. The two men engaged in a fist fight. During the fight, as the victim was getting the better of the defendant, the defendant pulled a knife and stabbed the victim in the

neck and then fled.

The victim was rushed to Rhode Island Hospital, where he underwent emergency surgery and received 19 staples to close the neck wound.

A few hours after the stabbing, New Bedford Police were called to another location in the city for a reported assault. In that matter the defendant started an argument with a second victim over an alcoholic beverage and physically assaulted him. When police located the defendant, he had dried blood around his face and hands. The blood evidence was swabbed and later confirmed to be the blood of the stabbing victim.

At the time of his arrest, he was on probation out of Hampden County, where he had served a three to five year prison sentence for armed assault and home invasion. In that case, he was also placed on probation for an additional two years, which was set to expire in June, 2022. When arrested, the defendant gave the false name of Charles Pullman in an apparent attempt to avoid a probation violation.

During the plea hearing on Tuesday, Assistant District Attorney Catherine Sauter argued for a seven to 10 years state prison term, while the defense sought a four to six year prison sentence. Judge Raffi Yessayan sentenced the defendant to serve six to eight years in state prison.

"The defendant stabbed the victim in the neck during a violent confrontation in a public place and could have killed him. At the time of this incident, the defendant was on probation for another violent incident in which he served a prison sentence. He needs to be kept off the street to protect the public from his propensity for violence," District Attorney Quinn said."

52-year old Norton man sentenced to jail time for child pornography charges

"A 52-year-old Norton man was convicted last Friday of possessing and disseminating child pornography, and was sentenced to jail time, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Brian Mello pled guilty to indictments charging him with two counts of Disseminating Material of a Child in a Sexual Act, one count of Possession of Child Pornography and one count of Disseminating Material of a Child in the Nude.

In January 2020, the Massachusetts State Police Cyber Crimes Unit received two cybertip reports from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children regarding child pornography that was uploaded to MeWe.com, a social media website. According to those reports, on August 19, 2019, a user named "Dorian Gray" logged in using a specific phone number and uploaded 61 child pornographic files. Additionally, on November 22, 2019, "Dorian Gray" logged in again and uploaded six child pornographic files to the website. On this date, "Dorian Gray" logged into the website using a specific e-mail address. The uploaded images depicted naked prepubescent girls, as young as 3-5 years old, exposing their genitalia and/or engaging in sexual activity.

A trooper assigned to the specialized unit investigated and determined this defendant was "Dorian Gray." On July 30, 2020, the trooper executed a search warrant at the defendant's East Hodges Street residence. During a recorded interview, the defendant admitted that the email address and phone numbers involved were his. He admitted to having accounts on Tumblr and MeWe.com under the name "Dorian Gray." He also admitted to

using MeWe for sharing and receiving child pornographic files from other users on MeWe.com. He also admitted to directly messaging other people on Tumblr to transmit child pornography.

Investigators seized Defendant's Samsung phone, which had 442 child pornographic files that were stored in a secret vault application.

During a sentencing hearing last Friday in Fall River Superior Court, Assistant District Attorney Jose Vazquez argued the defendant should receive a two-and-a-half year to four year state prison sentence, followed by three years of supervised probation with special conditions. The defense requested a three year probationary term with no prison or jail time.

Judge Raffi Yessayan sentenced the defendant to two-and-a-half years at the Bristol County House of Corrections, with 18 months to serve and the balance of the sentence suspended for three years. If the defendant were to commit any new crimes during this time, he would be liable to serve out the remainder of the jail sentence. The judge also added an additional three years of supervised probation to the defendant's sentence.

The probationary term will begin when the defendant concludes serving jail time. The defendant's probation conditions include not having any unsupervised contact with children under 16, continuing sex offender counseling, registering as a sex offender, providing a DNA sample, and registering his electronic devices with the Probation Department and subjecting them to random monitoring."

27-year old New Bedford domestic abuser sentenced to prison

"A 27-year-old New Bedford man who violently assaulted his girlfriend while enroute to pick up a child at the John B. DeValles School in June of 2021 was sentenced to serve two years in state prison last Thursday in Fall River Superior Court, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Although the victim in the case refused to cooperate with the prosecution, Assistant District Attorney Shawn Guilderson conducted a grand jury investigation into the incident and by utilizing excited utterances by the victim on the day of the assault, along with testimony from school officials who sheltered the woman after the assault, he was able to secure indictments and an eventual conviction against Brahden Hill.

Mr. Hill pled guilty to indictments charging him with Domestic Assault and Battery, Strangulation, Intimidation of a Witness, Attempt to Suborn Perjury and Contempt.

On June 15, 22021, the victim ran into the school, visibly upset with scratches and marks on her arms, head and neck. She told school officials she was running from her boyfriend, who was parked outside the school, because he had just slammed her head against the window of the car, slapped her multiple times and choked her. She told the school officials she felt dizzy and disoriented and was in fear for her life.

While being held in jail, the defendant defied a district court judge's order to have no contact with the victim, and called her in an attempt to get her to commit perjury and lie about the incident.

During a sentencing hearing, ADA Guilderson argued for a two-and-a-half to four year state prison sentence based on the defendant's conduct during the assault and from jail, along with his previous convictions for distribution of narcotics and larceny. Judge Raffi Yessayan sentenced the defendant to serve two years in state prison, to be followed by two years of supervised probation. The defendant was also ordered to complete a domestic batterers program within one year.

"I am pleased that the defendant was held accountable for his violent assault against the victim and his attempt to get her to not cooperate with our office. This type of behavior cannot be tolerated," District Attorney Quinn said."

Massachusetts officials find \$2.7 million fraudulently obtained SNAP, TAFDC, EAEDC benefits

By Michael P. Norton.

Investigators in the state auditor's office looked into 1,135 cases of suspected public benefits fraud over the last three months of 2022 and identified fraud in 255 of those cases totaling \$2.7 million, according to Auditor Diana DiZoglio.

The auditor last month filed a report with the Legislature outlining the recent work of the Bureau of Special Investigations, which occurred while Suzanne Bump, DiZoglio's predecessor, was finishing out her term.

During the last quarter of 2022, investigators found \$1.6 million in Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children program (TAFDC) fraud, \$771,000 in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) fraud, \$283,000 in Medicaid fraud, and \$7,300 in Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC) fraud.

The bureau detected \$13.5 million in fraud in fiscal 2022, and \$6 million in fiscal 2021. Gov. Maura Healey has proposed a big increase in the BSI budget, recommending a \$2.92 million fiscal 2024 appropriation, up from projected spending of \$2.01 million this fiscal year.

The bureau's investigative authority extends to programs administered by the Department of Transitional Assistance, the Department of Children and Families, and the Division of Medical Assistance, which administers the massive MassHealth insurance program. The Department of Early Education and Care is not included in the BSI statute, but the bureau also works with that department through a memorandum of understanding.

BSI investigations can lead to fraud cases being referred to agencies for administrative action and fraudulent overpayments may be recovered through civil agreements. Individuals found to have committed fraud may be disqualified from programs, and cases may be referred for prosecution as well."

51-year old Massachusetts man sentenced for arson and

criminal harassment in two fires

"A Fall River and Foxboro man was sentenced to prison for setting two fires, including one to a house where an elderly woman was asleep, after threatening an ex-girlfriend in a series of phone calls and texts.

According to Bristol County District Attorney's Office spokesperson Gregg Miliote, 51-year-old Brian E. Chase was sentenced by Fall River Superior Court Judge Renee Dupuis to a six- to eight-year prison term followed by three years' probation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jason Mohan.

Chase was previously indicted by a Bristol County Grand Jury on Arson related charges stemming for two fires on March 26, 2017. The fires were on Mansfield Avenue in the Town of Norton.

One of the fires in question involved firefighters having to rescue an elderly woman in her home.

Both fires were deemed suspicious and were across the street from each other.

The sentencing came after a 12-person jury found Chase guilty of arson and criminal harassment after a week-long trial and three hours of deliberation. Chase was previously indicted by a Bristol County Grand Jury on Arson related charges stemming for two fires on March 26, 2017. The fires were on Mansfield Avenue in the Town of Norton.

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22-year old New Bedford man arrested for 'assault with the intent to kill' at Fairhaven Walmart

22-year old Brandin Gonsalves of New Bedford, was arrested by the Fairhaven Police Department following an incident on Tuesday, March 14.

Lt. Kevin Kobza reports that the Fairhaven Police Department arrested and charged a man following a report of a fight at a local store Tuesday night.

Brandin Gonsalves, AGE 22, OF NEW BEDFORD, was arrested and charged with:

- Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon
- Possession of Ammunition without a License
- Carrying a Firearm without a License
- Assault with Intent to Kill

On Tuesday, March 14, just after 11 p.m., Fairhaven Police responded to the local Walmart, 42 Fairhaven Commons Way, for a report of a fight.

During an initial on-scene investigation, police learned that one of the individuals involved in the altercation, later identified as Brandin Gonsalves, allegedly produced a firearm and struck another individual with the weapon.

The altercation was reported to have taken place in the lobby of the store, and police located three unspent 9mm rounds of ammunition. A 9mm magazine loaded with additional rounds of

ammunition was also recovered near the scene. Gonsalves does not possess a License to Carry in Massachusetts.

The victim who was allegedly struck was transported to an area hospital where they were treated and released.

At this time, police are unable to confirm that any rounds were fired, and the incident remains under investigation.

Fairhaven Police were assisted at the scene by Massachusetts State Police and Bristol County Sheriff's Office K-9 units.

Gonsalves is expected to be arraigned Wednesday in New Bedford District Court.

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