

# **Massachusetts State Police chase stolen Lexus through multiple cities, juvenile, adults arrested**

“At 2 PM Monday helicopter Air 5 of the Massachusetts State Police Air Wing located and began following a stolen Lexus that was on the move in Ashland. The car had previously been stolen out of Peabody and had eluded several local police departments in the Natick area as well as other MetroWest towns.

Air 5 advised MSP Troop H that the stolen vehicle was traveling west on Rt. 9 through Southborough and Westborough and onto Rt. 495 Northbound. MSP cruisers began responding to that area.

At 2:08 PM MSP Air 5 advised that the vehicle, a 2002 Lexus IS, was is passing Rt. 290.



*Massachusetts State Police photo.*

The suspect vehicle took the turn onto Rt 117 in Bolton and reversed direction, re-entering Rt 495 on the southbound side. Two MSP K9 Unit cruisers also responded to the area of 117 and one of them located the stolen vehicle and began pursuing it. The stolen vehicle by that time had crossed into Troop C and Troop C Headquarters assumed command and control of the pursuit.

A short time later, as the pursuit continued, the stolen vehicle entered Rt. 290 west in Marlborough.

Troopers set up stop sticks on 290 west between Solomon Pond Rd in Marlborough and Green St. in Northborough. The stolen vehicle struck the stop sticks and crashed into another vehicle and came to rest in the median strip. There were no injuries to the occupants of the other vehicle.



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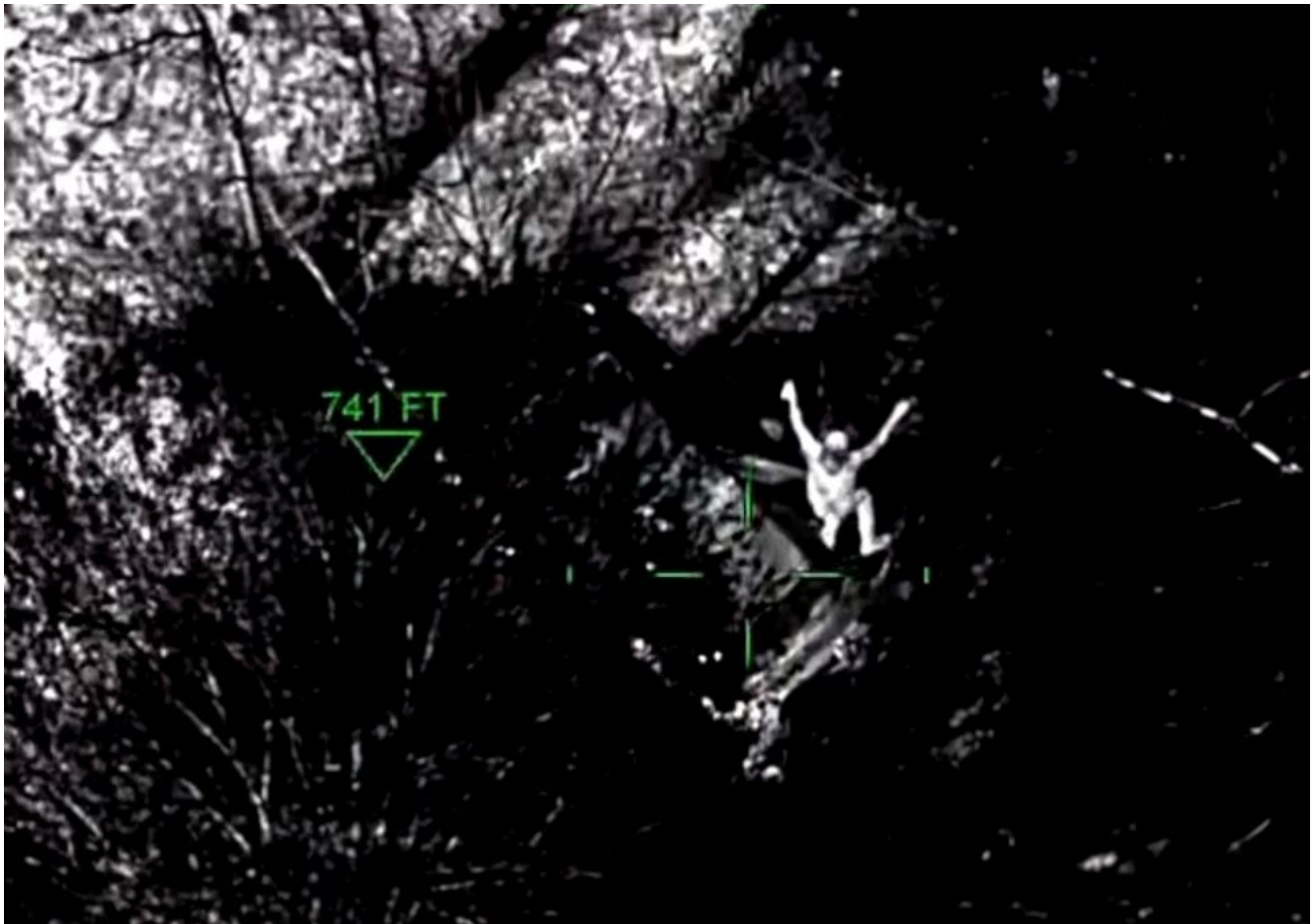
Numerous Troopers converged on the scene and secured the three occupants of the stolen vehicle.

Two of the suspects were transported to UMass Medical Center with minor injuries. A juvenile was transported to the State Police-Leominster Barracks for booking.

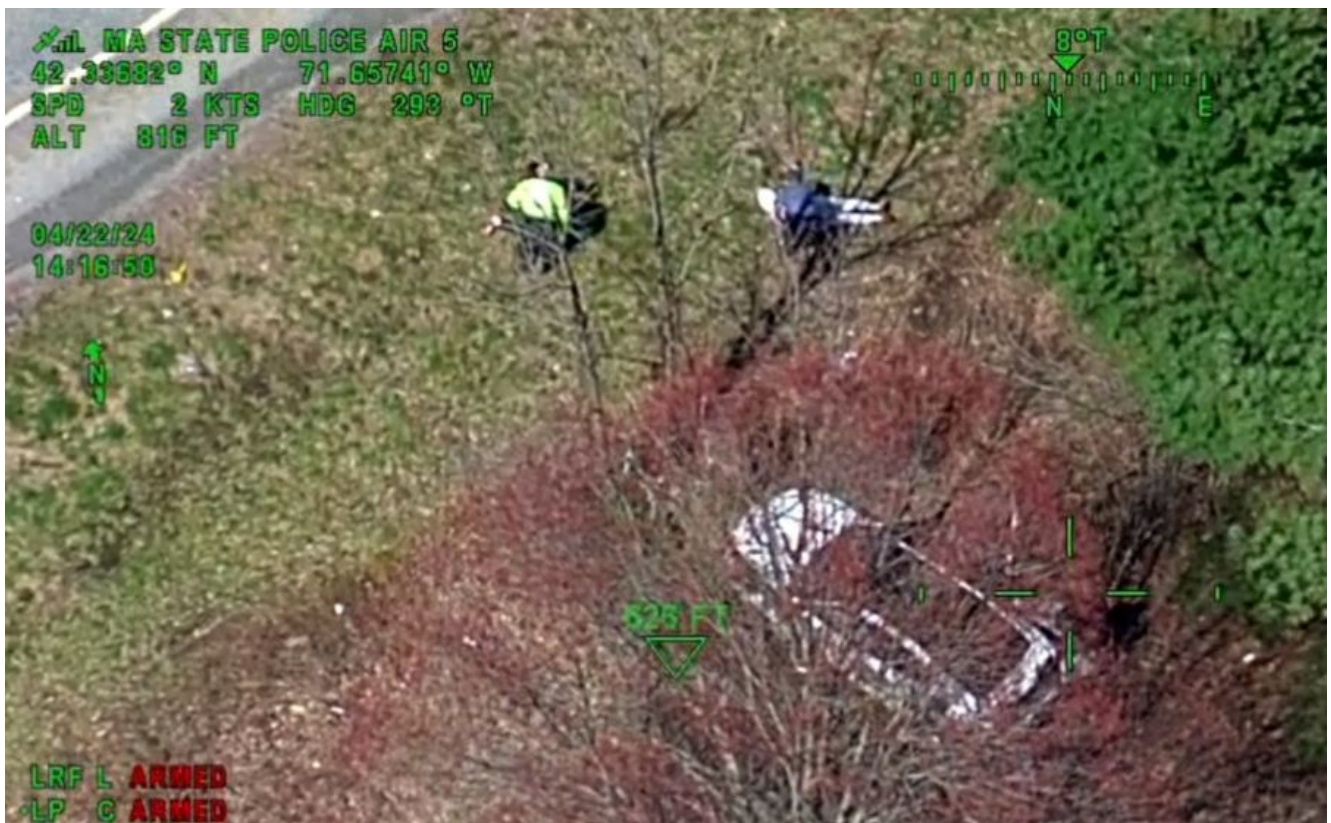
Subsequent investigation determined that the stolen vehicle was involved in a prior crash with two other vehicles on the ramp from Rt. 495 S to Rt. 290 W in Marlborough.

We will update on charges when that info is available.”-  
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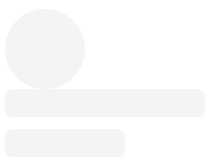
# **[VIDEO] Shocking video captures knife fight leading to stabbing in Fall River**

Surveillance footage captured a harrowing altercation that culminated in a stabbing in Fall River on Friday afternoon. The incident unfolded outside the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) Bus Terminal, located at 118 Fourth St., just after 3:00 p.m.

Law enforcement swiftly responded to the scene, and the victim was promptly transported to St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford. As of the latest report, the victim is in stable condition.

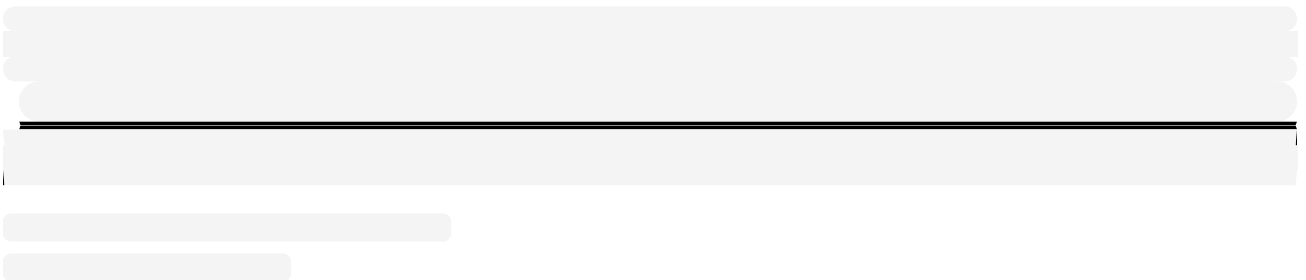
Following the incident, 28-year-old Rama Burch was arrested in connection with the stabbing. Deputy Chief Barden Castro of the Fall River Police Department confirmed that officers were alerted to a violent altercation involving a knife, prompting their rapid intervention.

The swift action by law enforcement led to the apprehension of the suspect and the provision of urgent medical care to the victim.





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# Massachusetts IRS revenue

# agent indicted for filing false tax returns

“BOSTON – A Revenue Agent for the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) was indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury in Boston for allegedly filing false personal tax returns for three years.

Ndeye Amy Thioub, 67, of Swampscott, was indicted on three counts of filing false tax returns and three counts of filing false tax returns as an employee of the United States. Thioub was previously arrested and charged by criminal complaint in March 2024.

According to the charging documents, Thioub was hired in 2006 as an Internal Revenue Agent in the IRS Large Business and International Division. As a Revenue Agent, Thioub planned and conducted examinations of tax returns using extensive and specialized knowledge of accounting techniques, practices and investigative audit techniques to examine and resolve various tax issues of individuals and business organizations. As a result of her education, training and experience, Thioub was highly knowledgeable about tax law. In addition, Thioub received yearly training in IRS Employee Tax Compliance, which instructs that IRS employees must comply with their tax obligations, including timely filing accurate tax returns and payment of taxes due.

It is alleged that Thioub filed false personal tax returns for tax years 2017, 2018 and 2019. It is further alleged that, for each year, Thioub filed a false Schedule C claiming a business loss from a purported “import and export” business she claimed to have. As a result, the claimed net loss was carried over to her personal IRS Form 1040s and used to reduce Thioub’s adjusted gross income and ultimate tax liability.

The charge of filing a false tax return provides for a sentence of up to three years in prison, followed by one year of supervised release and a \$100,000 fine. The charge of filing a false tax return by an employee of the United States provides for discharge from employment and a sentence of up to five years in prison, followed by one year of supervised release and a \$10,000 fine. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; Harry Chavis, Jr., Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, Boston Field Office; and Christopher J. Gust, Acting Special Agent in charge of the U.S. Department of Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Northeast Field Division made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Kristina E. Barclay of the Public Corruption & Special Prosecutions Unit is prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.”-Massachusetts Department of Justice.

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## **Massachusetts Gang Member who posed on Snapchat with guns sentenced to prison**

*At the time of the offenses, defendant was on release for four separate state firearm charges.*



"BOSTON – A Boston man was sentenced today to illegally possessing a firearm and ammunition while under house arrest for four state firearm charges.

Dumari Shakur Scarlett-Dixon, 22, was sentenced today by U.S. District Court Chief Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV to 27 months in prison and three years of supervised release. In October 2023, Scarlett-Dixon pleaded guilty to being an unlawful drug user in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

In 2021, as part of an investigation into violent crime in Boston, a Snapchat account was intercepted through a court order. Among the communications intercepted was a group "chat" comprised of members of rival gangs who regularly displayed images and videos of themselves in possession of firearms. Scarlett-Dixon, a member of Heath Street, a violent Boston gang, participated in the group chat.

At the time he was intercepted, Scarlett-Dixon was on pre-trial release for four separate unlawful possession of a firearm cases in state court. As a condition of his release for those offenses, Scarlett-Dixon had been placed on home confinement with GPS monitoring at his grandmother's residence in Weymouth. Scarlett-Dixon displayed images of himself on Snapchat in possession of firearms at his grandmother's residence:

During a September 2021 search of Scarlett-Dixon's grandmother's residence, a Bersa 9-millimeter semi-automatic pistol, 59 rounds of 9 millimeter and .380 caliber ammunition, and blunts of marijuana were seized from Scarlett-Dixon's bedroom.

As a condition of his supervised release, Scarlett-Dixon was ordered to stay away from Heath Street gang members and the Bromley Heath housing development.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; James M. Ferguson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Boston Division; and Stephen Belleau, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, New England Division made the announcement. Special assistance in the investigation was provided by the Boston, Quincy and Lynn Police Departments and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Pohl of the Narcotics & Money Laundering Unit prosecuted the case.

The operation was conducted is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) Strike Force Initiative, which provides for the establishment of permanent multi-agency task force teams that work side-by-side in the same location. This co-located model enables agents from different agencies to collaborate on intelligence-driven, multi-jurisdictional operations to disrupt and dismantle the most significant drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs, and transnational criminal organizations. More information on the OCDETF program is available here: <https://www.justice.gov/ocdetf/about-ocdetf>.”-Massachusetts Department of Justice.

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## **63-year-old Provincetown man charged for possessing and distributing child pornography**

“BOSTON – A Provincetown man was arrested today for child pornography offenses. The defendant allegedly possessed several thousand image and video files containing child sexual

abuse material (CSAM).

Lawrence Pagnoni, 63, was charged with one count of possession of child pornography and one count of distribution of child pornography. Following an initial appearance in federal court in Boston this afternoon before U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Jennifer C. Boal, Pagnoni was released on conditions, including home detention with electronic monitoring.

According to the charging documents, an individual arrested in a child exploitation sting reported to law enforcement that, in March of 2023, Pagnoni allegedly distributed CSAM to him via the online cloud storage platform Mega. It was determined that Pagnoni had allegedly sent thousands of CSAM files to this individual. During a search of Pagnoni's home in Provincetown in May of 2023 a number of items, including Pagnoni's cellphone, were seized. During a subsequent search of Pagnoni's cellphone, it is alleged that several thousand image files and video files containing CSAM, including at least 51 known series of CSAM as identified by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, were discovered.

Members of the public who have questions, concerns or information regarding this case should call 617-748-3274.

The charge of distribution of child pornography provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of five years and up to 20 years in prison, at least three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of possession of child pornography provides for a of up to 20 years in prison, at least three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; Jodi Cohen, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of

Investigation, Boston Division; and Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox made the announcement today. Valuable assistance was provided by the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Luke A. Goldworm of the Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse, launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the DOJ's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit <https://www.justice.gov/psc>.

The details contained in the charging document are allegations. The defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in the court of law."-Massachusetts Department of Justice.

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## **[VIDEO] Fall River teen takes Massachusetts State Troopers on high speed chase involving helicopter**

Shortly before 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Massachusetts State Troopers attempted to stop a stolen vehicle related to an earlier Be On the Lookout (BOL0) notification. The vehicle fled the initial stop but was quickly observed merging on to

Route 79 northbound. Troopers followed the vehicle for a short time, but disengaged when the vehicle exited the highway on to local roadways.

A Massachusetts State Police Air Wing flight crew, operating in Air 2, responded to provide overflight support and was able to locate then track the suspect vehicle on Route 24 northbound in the area of Exit 11. After exiting the highway, the vehicle turned onto a loop subdivision in Berkley at which point members of the Berkley Police Department were able to block both exits, trapping the suspect vehicle inside. The three occupants quickly bailed out of the vehicle and were apprehended within a few minutes.

Troopers arrested and charged ALEXIA SPRINGER, 21, of Fall River, and LIJAH FORTES, 27, of Fall River, with Receiving Stolen Motor Vehicle.

**The driver, KOBE WEST, 19, of Fall River is charged with:**

1. Receiving Stolen Motor Vehicle;
2. Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Revoked Driver's License;
3. Reckless Operation of a Motor Vehicle;
4. Failure to Stop for Police;
5. Marked Lanes Violation; and
6. Speeding.

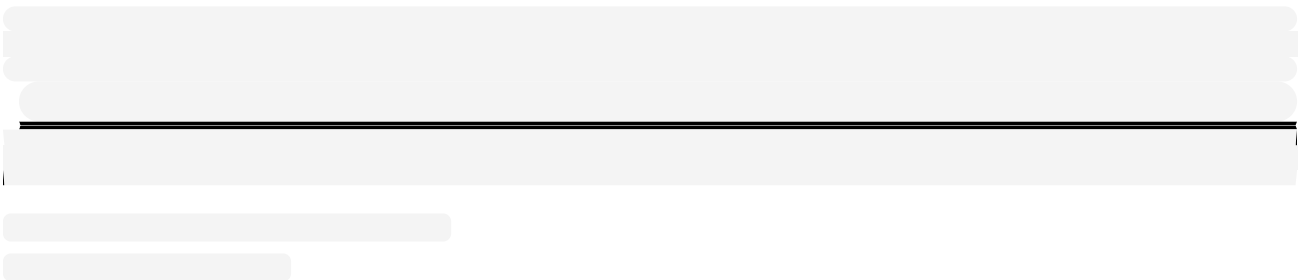
WEST was also wanted on five outstanding warrants for his arrest.







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# Catalytic converter theft

# **crew responsible for \$2 million in losses in Massachusetts, Rhode Island**

*Theft crew responsible for an estimated \$2 million in losses across Massachusetts and New Hampshire during 2022 and 2023.*

“BOSTON – The leader of a regional organized theft crew who orchestrated the thefts of catalytic converters from nearly 500 vehicles across the region, multiple jewelry store robberies and the stealing of ATMs pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court in Boston.

Rafael Davila, a/k/a “Robbin Hood,” 35, of Springfield, Mass, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to transport stolen property in interstate commerce; interstate transportation of stolen property; conspiracy commit money laundering, conspiracy to commit bank theft; and bank theft. U.S. District Court Judge Leo T. Sorokin scheduled sentencing for July 30, 2024.

In April 2023, Rafael Davila was arrested and charged along with six others in connection with the theft, transportation and sale of stolen catalytic converters taken from nearly 500 vehicles across Massachusetts and New Hampshire in 2022 through April 2023. It is believed that a significant number of additional thefts have not been identified or were not ever reported to law enforcement.

According to court filings, there has been a precipitous decline in catalytic converter thefts reported in Massachusetts as a result of the April 2023 takedown – with less than 15 reported incidents of catalytic converter theft over the past 11 months following the arrests, in comparison to the hundreds of thefts reported during the nine-month period prior.

Catalytic converter theft has become a nationwide problem due to the high-valued precious metals they contain – some of which are more valuable than gold, with black-market prices being more than \$1,000 each in recent years. The theft of a vehicle's catalytic converter results in damage that renders the vehicle inoperable – both mechanically and legally under EPA regulations – until properly replaced.

The crew was led by Davila, who engaged in catalytic converter thefts and burglaries on a full-time basis – committing thefts multiple nights per week for upwards of eight hours a night. Davila was responsible for the planning of and transportation to each targeted theft – using his vehicle, determining price values for stolen converters and purchasing needed materials. Davila maintained meticulous notes accounting for the locations that he and his co-conspirators had targeted and the number of catalytic converters that had been stolen, including the makes and models and when they were dropped off for sale.

The thefts resulted in losses of approximately \$5,000 per vehicle with certain trucks costing over \$10,000 to repair. This amounts to an approximate \$2 million in losses suffered by more than 300 separate victims who were forced to deal with their vehicles being disabled for potentially weeks on end. The more than 300 victims included businesses and individuals across Massachusetts and parts of New Hampshire, including a food pantry, automotive businesses, tradesmen, a bakery, single parents, a home healthcare provider and the elderly. Some businesses were repeatedly targeted on multiple nights.

Once in possession of the stolen catalytic converters, the crew would then sell them to Jose Torres, who would accumulate stolen catalytic converters from multiple theft crews and then in turn sell them to scrap dealers – transacting approximately \$30,000 to \$80,000 in stolen catalytic converters per week. Torres then sold stolen catalytic converters to scrap dealers who have since been charged federally for interstate transportation of stolen property and money laundering in the

District of Connecticut, the Eastern District of California and Northern District of Oklahoma. Rafael Davila admitted to conspiring with Torres to transact in the stolen catalytic converters.

In addition to the catalytic converter thefts, Davila also admitted to conspiring to steal from ATMs of federally insured banks in Massachusetts on three separate occasions in December 2022. This conspiracy involved the use of stolen trucks and chains to rip the ATMs from the ground and gain access to the vault.

Rafael Davila also admitted to committing burglaries of two New Hampshire jewelry stores on Jan. 12, 2023, and the theft of a trailer on Dec. 14, 2022. Davila admitted to breaking into the stores by smashing the glass doors and breaking the jewelry cases and stealing the jewelry. The combined total value of the jewelry stolen during the burglaries was determined to be over \$137,000, with each store facing approximately \$10,000 in costs to repair the resulting damage.

Rafael Davila is the seventh and final defendant charged in Operation Cut & Run to plead guilty. All six of his co-defendants have pleaded guilty – three of whom have since been sentenced, each to more than three years in prison. The three remaining defendants are awaiting sentencing.

The charge of conspiracy to transport stolen property in interstate commerce provides for a sentence of up to five years in prison, up to three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of interstate transportation of stolen property provides for a sentence of up to 10 years, up to three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of conspiracy to commit bank theft provides for a sentence of up to five years in prison, up to three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of bank theft provides for a sentence of up to 10 years, up to three years of supervised

release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of conspiracy to commit money laundering provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$500,000 or twice the value of the proceeds, whichever is greater. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; Jodi Cohen, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division; John E. Mawn Jr., Interim Colonel of the Massachusetts State Police; and Kevin Gallagher, Director of Operations for the National Insurance Crime Bureau, Northeast Region made the announcement today. Valuable assistance was also provided by the United States Attorney's Offices for the Districts of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Northern District of Oklahoma and the Eastern District of California; Homeland Security Investigations; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives; the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office; and the New England State Police Information Network. Assistant U.S. Attorney Philip A. Mallard of the Organized Crime & Gang Unit is prosecuting the case.

Over 70 local police departments in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut contributed to this investigation through the submission of their investigations of catalytic converter thefts in their jurisdiction. The Massachusetts Police Departments contributing to the investigation were Abington, Acton, Andover, Auburn, Bedford, Bellingham, Beverly, Billerica, Burlington, Bridgewater, Canton, Carver, Chelmsford, Concord, Cranston, East Hampton, Easton, Fitchburg, Framingham, Franklin, Gardner, Hampton, Hanover, Haverhill, Hingham, Holliston, Holyoke, Hudson, Ipswich, Lawrence, Leominster, Lynn, Malden, Mansfield, Medford, Marlborough, Methuen, Middleton, Milford, Millbury, Needham, Newton, Northborough, Norwell, Norwood, Peabody, Pembroke,



Plymouth, Randolph, Rockland, Sharon, Shrewsbury, Springfield, Sterling, Sturbridge, Sudbury, Tyngsborough, Walpole, Waltham, Watertown, West Bridgewater, Weymouth, Wilmington, Woburn and Worcester. The New Hampshire Police Departments contributing to the investigation were Bow, Concord, Derry, Hooksett, Hudson, Londonderry, Manchester, Salem, Windham. The Connecticut Police Departments contributing to the investigation were South Windsor and Windsor.”-Massachusetts Department of Justice.

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## **Oklahoma man arrested for allegedly throwing pipe bomb at Satanic Temple in Salem, Massachusetts**

“BOSTON – An Oklahoma man was arrested and charged today for allegedly throwing a pipe bomb at The Satanic Temple (TST) in Salem, Mass.

Sean Patrick Palmer, 49, of Perkins, Okla., was charged in a criminal complaint with using an explosive to cause damage to a building used in interstate or foreign commerce. Palmer was arrested this morning and will make an initial appearance in the Western District of Oklahoma on Thursday. He will appear in federal court in Boston at a later date.

According to the charging documents and TST’s website, TST is a “non-theistic organization” founded in 2013 and headquartered in Salem, Mass. In addition to serving as the organization’s headquarters, TST’s Salem location also functions as a public, TST-themed art gallery.



*Massachusetts Department of Justice photo.*

At approximately 4:14 a.m. on April 8, 2024, surveillance cameras outside TST captured a man walking towards TST wearing black pants, and black jacket, a black face covering, a tan-colored tactical vest and gloves. According to the charging documents, as the man approached TST, he ignited a pipe bomb—a type of improvised explosive device or “IED”—threw it at TST’s main entrance, and then ran away. Seconds later, the pipe bomb partially detonated causing minor fire and related damage to TST’s exterior.

According to the charging documents, the pipe bomb appeared to have been constructed from a section of plastic pipe covered with metal nails, which were attached to the pipe with tape. The inside of the pipe was filled with a powder-like substance, preliminarily identified as smokeless gunpowder. A

single human hair was allegedly located on the pipe bomb containing a DNA profile from a Caucasian male.

A six-page handwritten note was found in a flower bed adjacent to where the pipe bomb was discovered. Among other things, the letter allegedly stated:

**“DEAR SATANIST**

**ELOHIM SEND ME 7 MONTHS AGO TO GIVE YOU  
PEACEFUL MESSAGE TO HOPE YOU REPENT. YOU SAY  
NO, ELOHIM NOW SEND ME TO SMITE SATAN AND I  
HAPPY TO OBEY. AND ELOHIM WANT ME TO CONTACT  
YOU TO TELL YOU REPENT. TURN FROM SIN. ELOHIM  
NO LIKE THIS PLACE AND PLAN TO DESTROY IT. MAYBE  
SALEM TOO? ELOHIM SEND ME TO FIGHT CRYBABY  
SATAN, BUT WANT ME TO MAKE HARD EFFORT SO NO  
ONE DIES. I OBEY.”**



*Massachusetts Department of Justice photo.*

Surveillance footage obtained during the investigation identified a black Volvo sedan, allegedly registered to Palmer, driving erratically in the immediate vicinity of TST both before and after the incident.

A photograph of Palmer, who is a Caucasian male, posted to a social media website shows him wearing a tan-colored tactical vest like the vest worn by the suspect in the TST surveillance video. Palmer also allegedly comments frequently on a social media website about religious matters and themes similar to those contained in the handwritten note found outside of TST on April 8, 2024.

Finally, the charging document alleges that on April 3, 2024, Palmer purchased PVC pipe and matching PVC end cap—like the pipe and end cap used to construct the pipe bomb—from a home improvement retailer in Oklahoma.

The charge of using fire or an explosive to cause damage to a building used in interstate or foreign commerce provides for a sentence of at least five years and up to 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; Jodi Cohen, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division; and Lucas J. Miller, Chief of the Salem Police Department made the announcement today. Valuable assistance was provided by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, Boston Field Division; Massachusetts State Police; Federal Bureau of Investigation's Oklahoma City Field Office; Payne County Sheriff's Office; Oklahoma Highway Patrol; the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Oklahoma; and Stillwater (Okla.) Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jason A. Casey of

the National Security Unit is prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.”-Massachusetts Department of Justice.

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## **New Bedford Police arrest Providence man, seize firearm, following late-night traffic stop**

“Patrol officers have taken a Providence man into custody following a late-night traffic stop this past weekend.

On April 14th, at around 3 AM, officers were investigating the erratic operation of a vehicle that had stopped on Norwell St. The suspect, Mr. ELIEZER MELERO, 27, of Sumster St. in Providence, was operating the vehicle. MELERO had a female passenger with him.

Ofc. Jacob Rebello and Ofc. Robert Green immediately detected signs of intoxication as MELERO refused repeated commands to produce his license and exit the vehicle. A brief struggle ensued, during which it was discovered that he had a firearm near his feet on the floor beneath him.

MELERO was successfully taken into custody, and the firearm was secured. It was found to be a Glock 17 pistol with no serial number for which MELERO had no license.

MELERO was transported to headquarters, where he was found to



have a blood alcohol level of .16, which is twice the legal limit. MELERO was charged with a variety of offenses, including drunk driving, failure to submit to police, resisting arrest, and unlawful possession of a high-capacity firearm and ammunition while intoxicated and unlicensed. MELERO has a previous charge for firearm possession in Rhode Island.

If you have any information concerning crime, you can remain anonymous. Call 508-99-CRIME, or visit our website and leave tips at <https://www.newbedfordpd.com/report/>-City of New Bedford Police Department.

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## **Fall River man charged after caught on camera destroying Tiverton gas station**

On Wednesday, April 10 at approximately 2:00 am, officers of the Tiverton Police Department responded to 400 Main Rd., American Dream Gas, for a report of debris in the roadway. Upon arrival, officers observed a trash bin knocked over and debris strewn throughout the area. Officers further observed several fuel pump digital screens intentionally damaged. During a subsequent investigation, officers were able to observe video surveillance footage of a possible suspect.

Officers combed the surrounding area for any signs of the perpetrator. Their efforts paid off when, at the junction of Main Rd. and State Ave., they came upon an individual fitting the description of the suspect. The man, later identified as 19-year-old Jadon B. West of Fall River, MA, was found asleep on a bench.

Officers detained West and transported him to the Tiverton Police Headquarters for questioning. During his interrogation, West admitted to causing the damage at American Dream Gas.

Consequently, West was formally taken into custody and charged with three counts of vandalism, in addition to one count of disorderly conduct. He spent the night in custody at the police headquarters before being transferred to the 2nd Division District Court in Newport.

Hamden Ahmad, owner of American Dream, estimates it will cost \$100,000 to replace the pumps.

During his court appearance, bail was set at \$1000 surety, and West's next hearing is scheduled for April 18, 2024.



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