

# **New Bedford police arrest seven for paying for sexual conduct**

New Bedford police arrested seven individuals on Tuesday for soliciting a prostitute. The arrests were made on Nye Street and Ashley BLVD.

The following are being charged with paying for sexual conduct:

- 47-year old Brandon Baptista of New Bedford
- 35-year old Aaron Williams of New Bedford
- 56-year old Leonel Almeida of New Bedford
- 43-year old Jason McCormack of Fairhaven
- 30-year old Francois Blanc of Fall River
- 56-year old Leonard Page of West Wareham
- 28-year old Olger Herrera of New Bedford

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## **OPINION: “Rename River’s End Park to honor soldier who died there defending New Bedford”**

“So I have an idea and a correction I was wondering if you could bring up to the mayor or write a story.

So I’m very into the local history in New Bedford or just the city in general. The two things I’d like to bring up is:

- The first relates to the River's End Park in the north end by the Acushnet River just below Tarkiln Hill Road. I believe this site is more historical then the area or the city knows. If you know your history this area was flooded with British troops during the Revolutionary War. I've read accounts that thousands of troops poured into this area and had a small battle by that tiny bridge. They were all throughout the sides of the river with British troops on one side and Militias and Patriots on the other.

An American officer named James Metcalf was killed near there yet there is no memorial at the park talking of this battle and I think there should be. I think the park's name should be changed to "Patriot Park" or "Metcalf Park" in honor of our city history and fight to gain freedom.

- The second thing I noticed is an error. There is a sign on that bridge that is a memorial to James Metcalf yet the sign says *Jonathan* Metcalf. I dug deeper and everything I've read [in historical documents] says *James* Metcalf. I even found his grave in Acushnet cemetery and it says *James* Metcalf.

Is there a way the sign can be corrected?" -Sean Silva

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## **VIDEO: We Do Recover Wall at Run to End Addiction**

Joe Rand, the Directors of Teen Challenge Massachusetts, talked about the We Do Recover Wall at the Run to End Addiction at Bridgewater State University earlier this month.

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# **New Bedford begins preparations for 2020 Census**

The City of New Bedford, in a comprehensive effort to ensure the entire population of the City is accurately counted in the 2020 Census, has taken new steps in preparing for the Census. The City is pleased to announce the formation of a New Bedford Complete Count Committee, a public-private partnership composed of 18 members (with 13 drawn from the community and 5 from City government).

Over the coming weeks, the Committee will be formulating its plans, in cooperation with the U.S. Census Bureau regional office, for extensive outreach in New Bedford neighborhoods. Its efforts to mobilize the community and engage residents will continue throughout 2019 and through the completion of the Census in 2020. Together the Committee will work to provide resources and accurate information designed to motivate residents to respond to the Census.

## **Members of the New Bedford Complete Count Committee include:**

- Mayor Jon Mitchell
- Helena DaSilva Hughes of the Immigrants' Assistance Center – Co-Chair
- Rev. David Lima of the Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford – Co-Chair
- Corinn Williams of the Community Economic Development Center
- Adrian Ventura of the Centro Comunitario Trabajadores
- Rev. Tony Youssef of Our Lady of Purgatory Church
- Rev. Robert Hughes
- Olivia Melo, Director of the New Bedford Library system
- Marci-Pina Christian, New Bedford Department of Community

## Services

- Patrick Sullivan, Director of City of New Bedford Housing and Community Development
- Manny DeBrito, City of New Bedford Election Commissioner
- Derek Santos, Executive Director of the New Bedford Economic Development Center
- Thomas Anderson, Superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools
- William Burns, Director of Government & Community Affairs for Southcoast Health
- Rick Kidder, CEO of the Southcoast Chamber of Commerce
- John Vasconcellos, President of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts
- Carl Alves, Executive Director of PAACA
- Pam Kuechler, Executive Director of PACE

The City's first Census Outreach Coordinator, Lynn Coish, was also introduced at today's kickoff as well. For the past 12 years, Ms. Coish worked for the Buzzards Bay Coalition as administrative assistant and volunteer coordinator. For the past 14 years, she has also served as the team leader of Operation Clean Sweep in New Bedford.

In addition to the New Bedford Complete Count Committee, a New Bedford Complete Count Council is being organized to recognize the many other businesses and groups that may want to lend their support in various ways over the next year and be recognized for these efforts. Interested groups are encouraged to contact Census Outreach Coordinator Lynn Coish.

## **What's At Stake For New Bedford**

Census numbers directly affect the amount of funding the federal government directs towards New Bedford. Conducting an accurate Census is critical to ensuring that New Bedford gets its fair share of federal for the people, services and projects in the city. If individuals are not counted, important programs that city families rely on will not be adequately funded – for the next ten years. These programs

include:

- Title I school funding
- Hospitals/Medicaid funding
- Childcare subsidies and more

According to the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund, every person counted means \$2,372 federal funding (average state-level figure). Mid-size cities including New Bedford are among the hardest to count in Massachusetts, and New Bedford is at significant risk of being undercounted in the 2020 Census.

In addition, the results of the Census are used to reapportion the U.S. House of Representatives, determining how many congressional seats each state is assigned. The Census results in the redrawing of boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts to account for population shifts.

City residents should know that their privacy is protected in the Census process. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share residents' information or answers with any other government agency. It is a federal crime to release census information; information is used for statistics only.

For more information on how you can get involved with the New Bedford Complete Count Committee, contact Lynn Coish at 508.979.1410 or [lynn.coish@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:lynn.coish@newbedford-ma.gov).

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## **New Bedford man arrested on Narcotics and Firearms**

# offenses

Shortly after 3:30pm yesterday, while on patrol on Bullard Street in New Bedford, Troop D CAT Team Trooper's conducted a traffic stop on a black Lincoln LS as they observed the operator texting and driving. While speaking to the operator, identified as SEVERN WILLIAMS, 20, of New Bedford, it was discovered he was in possession of a loaded .380 Llama handgun. WILLIAMS does not possess a license to carry firearms.

WILLIAMS was removed from the vehicle and placed under arrest. During a subsequent search of the vehicle an additional loaded magazine, 8 bags of cocaine, several bags of marijuana, two digital scales, plastic bags, money and cell phones were located.

He was transported to the Dartmouth Barracks where he was booked. WILLIAMS was then transferred to an area jail and held until his arraignment today at New Bedford District Court.

WILLIAMS was charged with the following offenses:

- Carrying a Loaded Firearm;
  - Possession of a Firearm with a License;
  - Possession of a Firearm in a Felony;
  - Possess to Distribute Cocaine;
  - Possess to Distribute Marijuana; and
  - Motor Vehicle Offenses.
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# Targeted ground spraying for mosquitoes planned in New Bedford for Thursday, June 20

The New Bedford Health Department, working closely with the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, is again this year conducting an annual monitoring program to track the potential threat from EEE and WNV carrying mosquitoes. Under the program, mosquito traps are put in place to collect pools of mosquitoes and mosquito populations are monitored throughout the summer months.

As part of the mosquito tracking program, the New Bedford Health Department will request that the BCMCP target key areas of the New Bedford for spraying, including public parks and locations that host large public events.

As such, the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project will conduct targeted ground spraying for mosquitoes early on the morning of Thursday, June 20, 2019. This round of spraying will target areas including Buttonwood Park, Brooklawn Park, Fort Taber, Hazelwood Park, Riverside Park, Clasky Common Park, Ashley Park, the Poor Farm area, Custom House Square and the downtown area. Spraying will take place between 2:00 am and sunrise on Thursday morning, weather permitting. Residents in the vicinity of the targeted areas may wish to close their windows this evening prior to the spraying.

The precautionary measures that are advised for EEE and WNV include the following:

## **Avoid Mosquito Bites**

*Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours* – While mosquitoes are out at all hours of the day, their peak biting times are from dusk to

dawn. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning. Otherwise, take extra care to use repellent and protective clothing, especially if you work or spend a lot of time outdoors.

*Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites.* Although it may be difficult to do when it's hot, wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

*Apply Insect Repellent when you go outdoors.* Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age. Permethrin products are intended for use on items such as clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear and should not be applied to skin.

### **Mosquito-Proof Your Home**

*Drain Standing Water* – Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or getting rid of items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change water in birdbaths frequently.

*Install or Repair Screens* – Some mosquitoes like to come indoors. Keep them outside by having tightly-fitting screens on all windows and doors.

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# New Bedford man arrested for assaulting a woman at 7 Eleven on Coggeshall Street

On Monday at around 5pm, 34-year old Christopher Moniz of New Bedford was arrested for physically assaulting a woman and threatening a man in front of the 7 Eleven convenience store on 45 Coggeshall Street in New Bedford.

New Bedford police report that Christopher Moniz approached a female and began yelling and threatening to hit her. He then allegedly grabbed the female by the arm and shoved her to the pavement – then kicked her full bottle of water, which then struck her. A man, known to the female, intervened and was reportedly chased by Christopher Moniz – who made threats to physically harm both male and female.

According to police, Christopher Moniz is being charged with assault & battery with a dangerous weapon, threat to commit a crime, assault & battery and assault.



**Chris Moniz** I'm the dude that got charged. It didn't happen at 7-11. It happened at the median. I kicked a gallon of water across the street cause that fake homeless woman that's been pregnant for six years got loud. Once I did that she called her bf to come kick my ass. Dude had a wooden stake in his hand and thought I was the one. I'm not. Never seen a crackhead run so fast. Cops came and she said I put my hands on her which I would never do. Said I kicked the bottle and it hit her. Which never happened. I kicked it across the 3 lanes of traffic. I'm guilty of being a fool and allowing myself to let scam artists bother me. Should have walked away but it's a lesson learned.

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# **City of New Bedford to hold public hearing on consideration of new cable license**

The City of New Bedford, as issuing authority for a cable television license for the city, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Keith Middle School, 225 Hathaway Boulevard, as part of the consideration process for a new cable license. New Bedford's ten-year cable license expires in November 2019.

The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether to issue a cable television license to Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. Members of the public are invited to attend and be heard on whether the current cable operator is in full compliance with its currently existing cable license; and what the City's future community cable-related needs.

The hearing will include a presentation by the New Bedford Cable Network, the City's Public, Education and Government (PEG) access network, including an overview of its community programming. There will be an opportunity for the public to comment on New Bedford's community cable-related needs at the hearing.

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## **UMass Dartmouth researcher**

# **urges long-range planning for fishing communities as changing ocean temperatures shift habitats**

A UMass Dartmouth scientist contributed to research recently published in *Nature Climate Change*, indicating that many east coast fishing communities face risks due to changing ocean temperatures that are altering the location of fish populations.

“Climate change is expected to have a profound impact on the distribution, abundance, and diversity of marine species globally,” states the study, co-authored by Dr. Robert Griffin of the UMass Dartmouth School for Marine Science and Technology. “These ecological impacts of climate change will affect human communities dependent on fisheries for livelihoods and well-being.”

The research team examined the impact caused by climate change on 85 coastal fishing communities from North Carolina to Maine, including New Bedford and dozens of other New England communities, by 2040-2050.

The team concluded that shifting ocean temperatures are changing the locations of commercially harvested marine species into more northerly and deeper areas. As fish migrate to their preferred waters out of the places they had traditionally been caught, fishing fleets and the supporting seafood economy in each port will need to transition away from traditional species and adjust to new ones. This study measures the extent of this risk across all ports in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast, finding highly variable exposure even in nearby ports depending on their existing practices and

anticipated changes in habitat suitability across species.

The study urges fishing communities to begin adaptation planning. "A majority of fishing communities are projected to face declining future fishing opportunities unless they adapt, either through catching new species or fishing in new locations," the study states.

"Our goal here is to understand the intersection of the marine environment with the community that depends on it for its livelihood," Griffin said.

Griffin said long-term projections for a community could help guide strategic decisions by individual fishers, processors, or other business owners about investment and divestment in permits, quotas, boats, gear, marketing of new species, and perhaps most importantly, time spent finding fish of a particular species.

Risk profiles could also help ports and municipalities develop policies relating to infrastructure investment, community cooperatives, and the role fishing plays in the local economy.

Scientists at Rutgers University, Princeton University, and NOAA's Alaska Fisheries Science Center also contributed to the study.

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## **Man charged with OUI drugs while behind the wheel in New Bedford**

A driver is being charged with OUI-drugs and operating a vehicle without a license after New Bedford police officers

found the driver behind the wheel at 9:58 am on Sunday with the car running and stopped in the middle of traffic near 110 County Street.

Medical attention was provided and the driver was transported to the hospital. New Bedford police are not releasing details of the driver until official charges have been filed. Their first priority was to get the driver medical attention.