

Massachusetts State Trooper arrests 2, seizes trafficking-weight amounts of Crystal Meth

The Massachusetts State Police yesterday arrested two men and seized approximately 130 grams of suspected crystal methamphetamine after a Trooper observed a motor vehicle violation.

Massachusetts State Police Trooper Martin Cooke observed the operator the rented Chevrolet Cruze commit the motor vehicle violation on Mishawum Road in Woburn. Trooper Cooke followed the car into a gas station lot and approached the two men who had exited the car.

According to the Trooper's observations, both men appeared nervous, and he ordered them back into the car. Asked for his license and registration, the driver said he did not have his license with him but provided a passport with the registration for the Cruze, which was a rental car with New Hampshire plates. The driver, whom Trooper Cooke identified as LOUIS D. JEREMIE, 28, of Dorchester, was unable to produce the rental agreement but said it was his rental.

Provided the information about the car, MSP Dispatcher Gary Ferguson, based at Troop A Headquarters, checked the registration and determined the vehicle had never been returned to Hertz by JEREMIE and had been reported stolen. With the assistance of Woburn Police Officer John Connolly, who responded to the scene, both men were removed from the car.

A check revealed that the passenger, JEFFREY C. BORIS, 39, of Danvers, was the subject of a warrant from Dedham District

Court charging him with use of a motor vehicle without authority. The officers placed BORIS into custody.

JEREMIE, the driver, then gave consent to Trooper Cooke for police to search the car. While conducting the search, Trooper Cooke found two small pieces of a crystallized white substance on the driver's side floor. The material was consistent in appearance with crystal methamphetamine.

Massachusetts State Police K9 Unit Trooper Brian Bonia responded to assist and deployed his partner Odin on a sniff of the vehicle. Inside the car, Odin immediately went to the rear seat, where a gray backpack was located. Several times Trooper Bonia brought Odin to another area of the car, and the dog kept returning to the rear driver's side seat, where the backpack was.

Trooper Cooke checked the backpack's contents and found several small containers and clear plastic zip bags containing more of the white crystal substance believed to be crystal methamphetamine. Also found in the bag were marijuana residue, drug paraphernalia, and a document indicating the backpack belonged to JEREMIE, who was then placed under arrest.

The preliminary total weight of the suspected crystal meth was approximately 130 grams. Also found on JEREMIE's person was \$551 in US currency.

Troopers transported the arrestees to State Police-Danvers. JEREMIE was booked on the following charges:

- Trafficking in Methamphetamine;
- Possession of a Class B substance with Intent to Distribute, subsequent offense;
- Use of Motor Vehicle Without Authority; and
- Failure to Signal.

JEREMIE was held on \$750,000 bail pending his arraignment in Woburn District Court. BORIS was booked on the outstanding

warrant and was bailed for court.

Fired New Hampshire Lunch lady being dishonest says food vendor in statement

Here is the media statement from Café Services, Inc.'s Facebook page regarding the firing of Mascoma Valley Regional High School food service employee Bonnie Kimball **who claimed she was fired for giving a hungry student a free lunch.**

"Fresh Picks Café President Brian Stone said, The student in these stories got a lunch.

Students at Mascoma Valley get a lunch regardless of whether they can pay. They receive a healthy lunch of an entrée or sandwich, plus side dishes or fresh fruit and milk. School policy is no additional items like cookies can be charged, they have to have money in their account or must pay cash. An employee would not be let go because they provided the healthy standard lunch to a student.

The student, in this case, came down the line with a full lunch plus oven fries and 2 packages of cookies. When the student got up to the cashier, she grabbed a Powerade and added it to his tray, then let the student take the full lunch allowed by school policy and also the four additional items. Not only should she not have allowed the additional a la carte items, but she did not record or charge any of the items, including the main lunch, to the student account so they could be paid in the future.

How many kids each day show up without enough lunch money for everything they want?

What do you do? You have procedures in place that make sure kids can have something to eat and you make sure the school's dollars are handled responsibly.

In consultation with the school district about the current policies for handling student transactions, we have offered to rehire our recently terminated employee and provide her back pay and we will work with the school district to revise policies and procedures regarding transactions. We will then work with our manager and this employee on these policies.

As a bigger issue, not every student has money to pay for lunch. We deal with this every day at Mascoma Valley, where all students can receive a full healthy lunch, regardless of ability to pay, and for students not on a free or reduced lunch plan, the balance is accrued. This issue of food insecurity affects communities across the country and we at Fresh Picks work sensitively with students every day. At the end of the day, it's about kids being fed."

New Bedford Man Wanted for Kidnapping, Rape added to State's Most Wanted List

The Massachusetts State Police today added to our list of Most Wanted fugitives a man who kidnapped and raped a woman at knifepoint, over several hours, in New Bedford last year. Troopers assigned to the MSP's Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section and New Bedford Police are working around the clock to

locate CARLOS M. VIZCAINO, 33, who has used numerous aliases and is actively trying to evade law enforcement.

In the early morning hours of May 31, 2018, New Bedford Police responded to a report of an unclothed female running from a vehicle. Responding officers discovered the victim with obvious injuries and got her to a local hospital. Subsequent investigation by New Bedford detectives suggests that VIZCAINO held the victim against her will at knifepoint for several hours and sexually and physically assaulted. The victim, who is in her mid-20s, forced her escape from his vehicle, where the assaults had occurred, and ran toward a stranger's car. VIZCAINO fled in his vehicle and the occupant of the other car called police.

VIZCAINO, whom is reported to be a native of the Dominican Republic but has previously claimed to be from Puerto Rico, has used numerous aliases in the past, including the names LUIS CASTRO, ANGEL MAYSONET, LUIS LINARES, and CARLOS VIZCANO (no i). He has used various dates of birth and Social Security numbers with his aliases.

VIZCAINO is about 5'7" and 185 lbs., is white Hispanic, and has black hair and brown eyes (Most Wanted poster and supplemental poster attached). He has tattoos on his upper left arm and right shoulder, and scars on his forehead. He has ties to Lynn and Lawrence as well as to New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania.

Police obtained a warrant from New Bedford District Court charging VIZCAINO with the following offenses: armed kidnapping with sexual assault; rape with threat of bodily injury; and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. He additionally has four other Massachusetts warrants for various motor vehicle violations issued out of the Lynn, Lawrence, Framingham and Plymouth District Courts, and has another warrant, under the name ANGEL MAYSONET, for motor vehicle offenses out of a court in Salem, N.H.

Evidence suggests VIZCAINO has used a New Hampshire license under the name ANGEL MAYSONET during an prior interaction with police in Salem, N.H., as well as a Rhode Island license under the name LUIS CASTRO and other identification under the name LUIS MATEO CASTRO LINARES during a previous interaction with law enforcement in East Providence.

Anyone who sees VIZCAINO or has information about him or his whereabouts is urged to call 911 or the State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section at 1-800-KAPTURE (1-800-527-8873).

Summer-Long Yoga Series at Ned's Point Lighthouse

Yoga is known to be beneficial for body, mind, and spirit. However, for some people, yoga is not accessible. At Project Wheel House, the mission is to bring yoga to populations who often lack access to this form of mindfulness and exercise, but who would benefit greatly from adding yoga into their lives. If you are a yoga lover, you can help further this mission by participating in "20 in 20", a 20-week long, outdoor yoga series hosted at Ned's Point Light in Mattapoisett starting on Saturday, May 25th.

The yoga series will be called, "20 in 20", with the goal of raising \$20,000 over the course of 20 weeks, in order to "keep the wheel in Project Wheel House" turning. Attendees are asked to make a donation between \$10 and \$20 as they join other yoga enthusiasts of all ages and levels each Saturday morning at scenic Ned's Point Light. The sessions begin at around 8:15 in the morning and end at 9:30 a.m.



Project Wheel House is a local non-profit organization founded in 2016, and since its inception has worked with numerous at-risk populations to bring the healing powers of yoga into the lives of those who may not have been introduced to it otherwise. Project Wheel House has worked with survivors of domestic violence, inmates, LGBTQ youth, and urban children throughout the SouthCoast region. As founder Jessica Webb describes it, "Meditation and yoga are practical skills that transform lives, but not everyone can get to a yoga studio, so we're bringing the studio to them".

Project Wheel House's current partners include The Women's Center, The Southcoast LGBTQ Network, YouthBuild NB, YWCA Girls Exclusive, Doodles Creative, and 3rdEye Unlimited.

For more details about the event, including the full schedule of Saturday morning yoga sessions and instructors, please visit: www.projectwheelhouse.org/20-in-20. Project Wheel House is a graduate of the Summer 2017 EforAll Southcoast entrepreneurship accelerator.

Facebook Event Page: facebook.com/events/439661826836841/

Website Info: projectwheelhouse.org/20-in-20



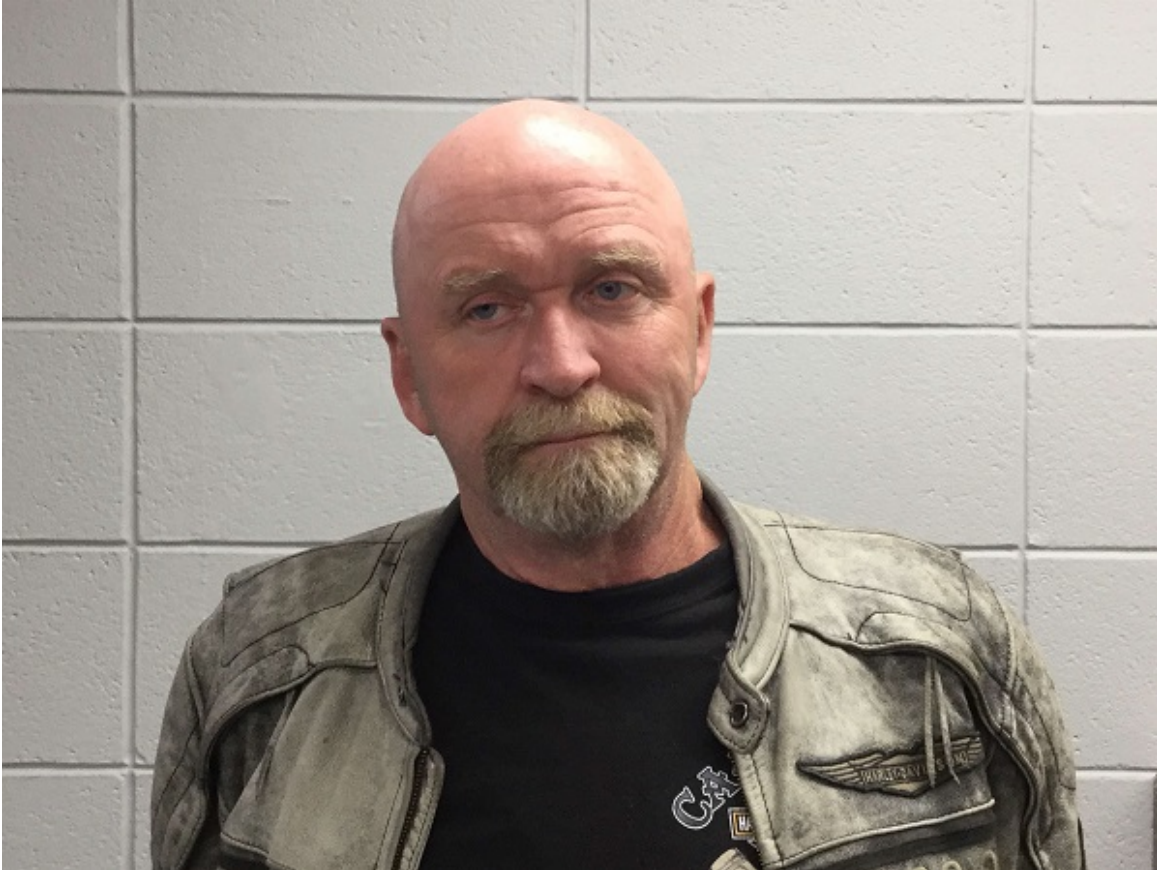
***Project Wheel House** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing yoga and mindfulness practices to underserved and at-risk populations. For more information, please visit <https://www.projectwheelhouse.org>, or contact program founder Jessica Webb directly by emailing NavigateLife@ProjectWheelHouse.org, or calling 774-582-0001.*

Man arrested for OUI after allegedly driving on sidewalk near Wareham Chili's

On Friday, May 17 at 1:45 a.m., 29-year old Robert Stanton of Onset was arrested and charged with operating under the influence, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

Wareham police officer Stephen Harrison noticed a vehicle traveling half on the sidewalk near Chili's restaurant. After making further observations and stopping the car, Mr. Stanton was placed in custody. Officer Garrett Smith assisted in the

arrest.



Andrew McDermott

Earlier that morning at 12:15 a.m., another man was arrested for OUI. While on patrol Officer Robert McLain noticed a motorcycle and a male on the ground on Onset Avenue at Back Street. After a brief investigation the male was placed under arrest. Andrew McDermott, 56, of Wareham, is charged with operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and marked lanes violation. Officer Ryan Turner assisted at the scene.

Eleven Charged In Wide-

Ranging Cape Cod Heroin Conspiracy

Eleven individuals from Cape Cod and Rhode Island were arrested on Monday, May 20 and charged in federal court in Boston in a wide-ranging heroin conspiracy.

The following individuals were charged with conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute heroin:

Edwin Otero, 29, of Hyannis;
Justin Joseph, 32, of Pawtucket, R.I.;
Anthony Basilici, 35, of Pawtucket, R.I.;
Vinicius Zangrande, 35, of Centerville;
Krymeii Fray, 23, of Hyannis;
Brooke Cotell, 25, of Hyannis;
Ronny Baams, 37, of South Yarmouth;
Tony Johnson, 35, of Hyannis;
Eric Brando, 27, of Osterville;
Joshua Johnson, 31, of Mashpee; and
Kimberly Lopes, 49, of Hyannis

According to court documents unsealed yesterday, in 2018, federal, state and local law enforcement began investigating Edwin Otero, an alleged leader of a Cape Cod-wide drug trafficking organization. It is alleged that the investigation revealed Otero and his 10 co-defendants distributed large quantities of heroin and other controlled substances throughout Cape Cod, including in Hyannis, Mashpee, Centerville, Osterville, and in Pawtucket, R.I.

On May 8, 2019, Otero, Joseph, and Basilici were allegedly involved in a shooting at Fray's residence related to a drug debt Fray owed. Agents intercepted Otero discussing the fact that he was involved in the shooting.

As a result of search warrants executed yesterday, heroin,

packaging materials, scales, a finger press, and three firearms and ammunition, including a 9-millimeter assault-style weapon, were seized. A bullet hole in Fray's home, consistent with the reported May 8 shooting, was also observed.

The charge of conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute heroin provides for a sentence of no greater than 20 years in prison, a minimum of three years and up to a lifetime of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$1 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; Brian D. Boyle, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, New England Field Division; and Barnstable Police Chief Paul MacDonald made the announcement yesterday. Valuable assistance was provided by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Boston Field Office; U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Boston Field Office; U.S. Secret Service, Boston Field Office; Federal Bureau of Investigations, Boston Field Office; Massachusetts State Police; Rhode Island State Police; Massachusetts Department of Corrections; Barnstable County Sheriff's Office; and the Pawtucket (R.I), Providence (R.I), Falmouth, Mashpee, Yarmouth, Dennis, Sandwich, and Brewster police departments. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Christopher Pohl and Lauren Graber of Lelling's Narcotics and Money Laundering Unit are prosecuting the case.

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

Mattapoisett Fire Rescue responds to vessel taking on water

“On Monday afternoon Chief 1, Engine 1, Marine 1 and Unit 1 responded to the Town Wharf for a report of a vessel taking on water.

Crews found a 1932 46’ wooden hull vessel that was rapidly taking on water and tied to a float. Crews deployed multiple gas powered and electric pumps to help keep the vessel above water.

Luckily the pumps were able to remove the majority of the water (approximately 4-5’) preventing any further damage to the vessel and before any fuels could leak creating an environmental concern.

Once the vessel was pumped out enough firefighters along with some helping hands and Marine 1 were able to get the boat into the ramp for it to be towed.

The Mattapoisett Harbormaster was also on scene providing assistance throughout the incident.” Mattapoisett Fire Rescue

Photos are courtesy of Matt Miller:



K9 “Indy” assists Massachusetts Police Department to seize narcotics and illegal firearm

“On Saturday, May 18 around 7:46 PM Holyoke Police Department requested K9 assistance for a motor vehicle stop in their city. Trooper Alex Berry of the State Police K9 Unit responded to assist. K9 Indy was deployed on a scan of the vehicle and alerted to a narcotic odor on the driver’s side floor area.

Trooper Berry advised the Holyoke officers and they conducted a hand search locating 2 separate baggies of suspected Cocaine in a larger bag under the driver’s seat. They also located a

loaded .22 caliber Ruger handgun under the passenger's seat.

There were two occupants in the vehicle, both of whom were booked by Holyoke Police Department and charged with trafficking Cocaine and illegally possessing a loaded firearm.” – Massachusetts State Police

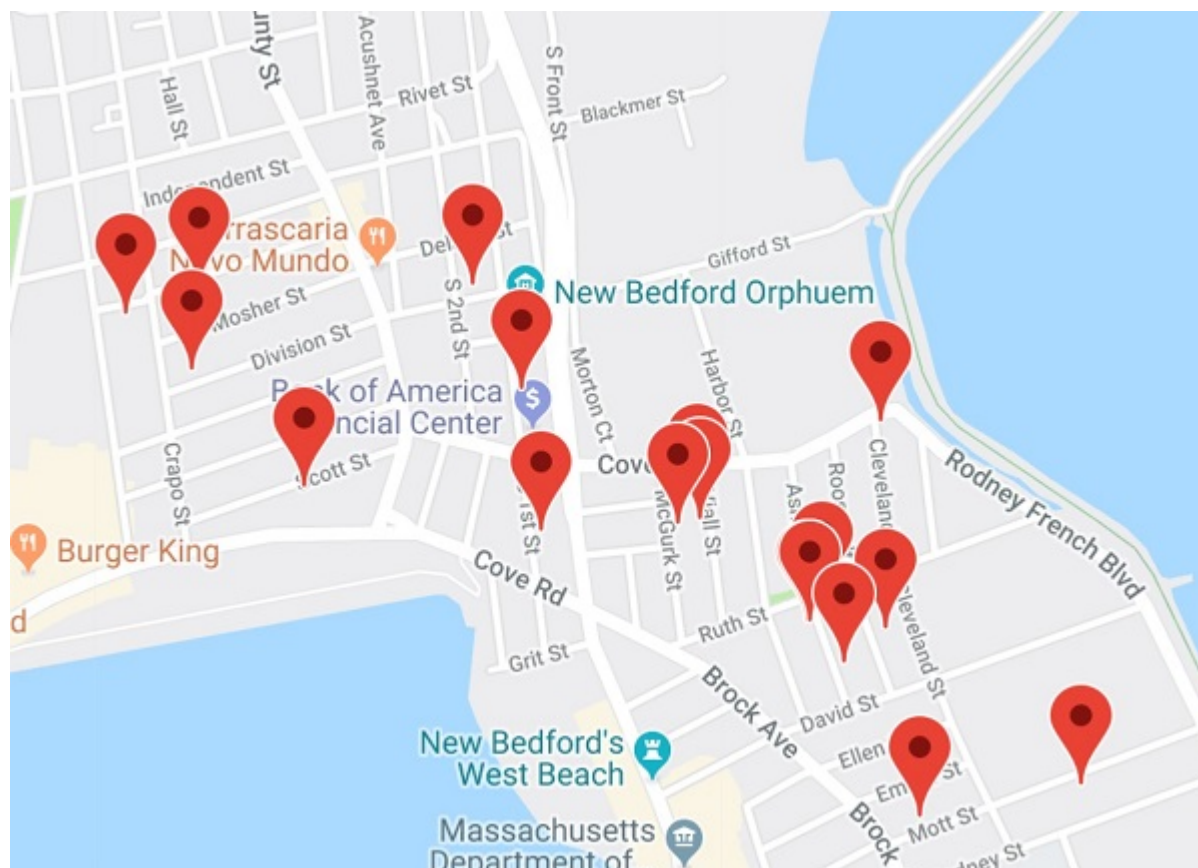


The South End of New Bedford's Drug Dealer Mile

While working on a database of all those charged in New Bedford in 2019 with distributing/trafficking hard drugs like heroin, fentanyl, cocaine, crack, and other hard drugs, it's painfully clear that the dealers live in concentrated areas of New Bedford. **Nearly one-third (29%) of those arrested for distribution/trafficking of hard drugs lived on six streets in New Bedford.** No other area shows the divide than the south end of the city where ALL the dealers live in the northern half of the peninsula.



To date in 2019, the New Bedford police department made 75 distribution/trafficking arrests. All of the busts in the south end are north of Rodney Street. 17 of the alleged drug dealers live within a mile of each other going from Winsor Street to Mott Street.



The worst street in the south end was Ashley Street with four people arrested for drug dealing calling that street home. The people arrested for dealing live at 37 (three roommates) and 50 Ashley Street. Charges include opioid/cocaine or Class E drug distribution.



37 Ashley Street New Bedford.



50 Ashley Street New Bedford.

The second worst street in the south end was Division Street with three people arrested for drugs living on the street. The people arrested for dealing live at 43 (two roommates) and 195 Division Street. Charges include Class E drug or fentanyl distribution.



43 Division Street New Bedford.



195 Division Street in New Bedford.

Check out our article on **New Bedford's six worst drug dealer infested streets.**

New Bedford Police Union cancels this year's Whaling City Festival

The following message was posted to the New Bedford Police Union's Facebook page:

A MESSAGE FROM NEW BEDFORD POLICE UNION PRESIDENT HANK TURGEON

Dear Family & Friends:

We regret to inform you that we will not be holding this year's Whaling City Festival which was scheduled to be held on July 11-14 at Buttonwood Park.

For the last several years, the New Bedford Police Union has taken great pride in sponsoring this event. Our priority has always been delivering a fun, safe and family-friendly event at an affordable cost.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, including the severe and ongoing staffing shortages within the City of New Bedford's Police Department, the 2019 Family Fun Festival Carnival & Circus cannot take place as we had hoped. The City of New Bedford has chosen to operate its Police Department without a full complement of officers, and unfortunately, this decision has negatively impacted the Union's membership and resources.

Security deposits sent in by vendors will be returned shortly. We apologize for any inconvenience, and have made an effort to inform all affected parties as soon as possible.

The New Bedford Police Union remains committed to proudly protecting and serving the citizens of New Bedford, and sincerely hopes to sponsor this wonderful community event in the summers to come.