

Four Individuals Arrested for Armed Robbery at Residence Inn in Dartmouth

On Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at approximately 10:44 p.m., members of the Dartmouth Police Department responded to a report of an armed robbery of the Residence Inn, located at #181 Faunce Corner Road.

According to information gathered from the female victim, four individuals, two males and two females, entered her room. Once inside, the victim stated that the females physically assaulted her, while the males ransacked the room.

The female victim stated that the suspects made away with \$7,800 in cash and a Rolex watch valued at \$14,500.

As the victim was familiar with one of the female suspects, officers were able to positively identify her, as well as the other suspects. With additional information that officers later received, a regional broadcast was sent out with information associated with the vehicle that the suspects were operating (a Hyundai Elantra).

At approximately 1:43 a.m. officers from the Westport Police Department stopped the vehicle on State Road, identified its occupants, and contacted Dartmouth Police.

As a result of the incident, Dartmouth Police arrested Jadelynn GIBBONS, 24, of Nash Road, New Bedford; Shantel MEDEIROS, 22, of Salisbury Street, New Bedford; Hakeem LOPES, 25, of Adams Street, New Bedford; and Manny ANDREWS, 25, of Bannister Street, New Bedford.

All four (4) suspects were charged with armed robbery, assault and battery, larceny over \$1,200, and conspiracy to commit a

crime.

The victim was not seriously injured, and the investigation is ongoing.

FREE Homebuyer Seminar hosted by St. Anne's Credit Union, March 28

Buying a home can be an exciting time, but confusing if you're not sure what to expect. St. Anne's Credit Union can help you with the process and give you the tools you need to make better informed financial decisions.

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- Explain the basics of home buying
- Advise how to choose the financing option that best suits your needs
- Review the step-by-step process from pre-qualification and beyond
- Provide secret industry tips that you need to know

Whether or not you are a first-time homebuyer, you'll be sure to learn valuable tips to aid you in the home buying process. Light refreshments will be served. All attendees will be entered into a drawing* for a gift card and receive a free homebuyer kit.

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Where:

Bishop Connolly High School
373 Elsbree St,
Fall River, Massachusetts 02720

When:

Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 5 PM – 7 PM



**Massachusetts State Troopers
respond to 2 Separate
Tractor-Trailer Crashes; More**

Than a Thousand Packages Spilled on Highway

Late Wednesday night Troopers responded to two separate crashes involving tractor-trailers on Route 495 southbound in Chelmsford. The separate crashes occurred around 10:30 and remain under investigation.

One crash involved a tractor-trailer and a personal vehicle. The second crash involved two tractor-trailers, one of which, a UPS truck dropped its large cargo of parcels onto the roadway. At this time there are estimated to be well over a thousand parcels on the roadway. The spilled parcels will be reloaded onto another UPS truck that responded to the scene from the company's nearby facility.

Three people were transported to Lowell General Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. One of the injured was an occupant of the personal car, while the other two are tractor-trailer drivers.

Two of the three lanes are closed for the clean up operation and crash investigation. Because of the large number of parcels on the road, the two lanes are expected to be closed for several hours.

The investigation into the causes of the separate crashes is being conducted by Troop A of the Massachusetts State Police with assistance from the State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section.

UMass Dartmouth Announces 2019 Speakers for 119th Commencement Ceremonies, May 10 & 13

Supreme Judicial Court Justice Elspeth Cypher, Congressman William R. Keating, Massachusetts Life Science Center President & CEO Travis McCready, and Tufts Medical Center CEO Emeritus Ellen Zane will address the Class of 2019 at the 119th UMass Dartmouth Commencement ceremonies on May 10 and 13.

Judge Cypher and Ellen Zane will receive honorary degrees; Congressman Keating and Travis McCready will be honored with the Chancellor's Medal.

"UMass Dartmouth is proud to honor these four exemplars of leadership and service," Chancellor Robert E. Johnson said. "By applying their intellect, skills, and energy to their professional pursuits, each has dedicated their life to strengthening the fabric of our society."

Two undergraduate ceremonies will take place on Friday, May 10, 2019. Both ceremonies will be held on Cressy Field on the main UMass Dartmouth campus at 285 Old Westport Rd, Dartmouth. The location allows for an unlimited number of family and friends to attend. All ceremonies will be held rain or shine.

Ellen Zane will speak at the first undergraduate ceremony for the College of Nursing, Charlton College of Business, and the College of Visual & Performing Arts. The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Congressman Keating will speak at the second undergraduate ceremony for the College of Engineering and the College of

Arts & Sciences. The ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m.

The School of Law and graduate student ceremonies will be held on Monday, May 13, 2019.

Justice Cypher will speak at the School of Law ceremony, which will be held at the Main Auditorium on the main UMass Dartmouth campus at 10 a.m.

Travis McCready will speak at the graduate student ceremony, which will be held on Cressy Field, beginning at 2 p.m.

Information about student speakers for each ceremony will be released soon.

More about the honorees:

Justice Elspeth B. Cypher

Justice Elspeth B. Cypher, a native of the South Coast, was appointed to the Supreme Judicial Court by Governor Baker on March 31, 2017. For many years, Justice Cypher was an adjunct professor at the University of Massachusetts School of Law, where she taught courses on legal writing; criminal procedure; criminal law; and women, law, and the legal system. She has participated in numerous educational programs for judges and lawyers and has written extensively about developments in criminal law in Massachusetts. Active in the Massachusetts Bar Association, Justice Cypher was the recipient of Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly's Lawyer of the Year Award in 2000.

Congressman William R. Keating

Congressman William R. Keating represents Massachusetts' 9th Congressional District, which encompasses the state's South Shore, South Coast, Cape Cod, and the Islands. The Congressman's legislative priorities include working to create jobs by supporting small businesses and increasing educational opportunities; strengthening middle-class families; improving domestic security; providing senior population with the resources they need; ensuring veterans receive the benefits

they deserve; and protecting unique ecosystems. Bill is a senior member on both the House Foreign Affairs and Homeland Security Committees – the only representative from the Commonwealth to serve on those committees.

Travis McCready

As the President and CEO of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, Travis McCready runs a \$1 billion public-private partnership with the mission of advancing the life sciences ecosystem in Massachusetts. McCready directs and oversees the center's investment strategy, including the agency's operations, programs, and partnerships. Previously, McCready served as the Vice President for Programs at The Boston Foundation, directing the Foundation's grants and community investment strategy to benefit the people of Greater Boston. A native of Brooklyn, Mr. McCready began his career as a public school teacher in the Bronx, NY.

Ellen M. Zane

Ellen M. Zane is a nationally renowned health care leader who retired as President & Chief Executive Officer of Tufts Medical Center and the Floating Hospital for Children in 2011. She was the first woman to run the hospital in its 222-year history. The hospital employs more than 5,000 doctors, nurses, researchers, and other healthcare workers. She is vice chair on the Tufts Medical Center Board of Trustees. She holds two faculty appointments at Tufts University School of Medicine including Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Clinical Care Research and Assistant Professor of Public Health & Community Medicine. Additionally, Ellen holds a faculty appointment as Adjunct Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Management.

New Bedford students graduate from True Course program

Getting higher grades. Handling anger better. Behaving more appropriately and cutting down on discipline incidents.

These are the kinds of goals set and, more importantly, accomplished by the five New Bedford students who graduated from the Bristol County Sheriff's Office True Course program last week.

Parents, guardians, case workers and staff applauded as the five students – Devin, Nellyanne, Karina, Franchesca and Luis – received their certificates for completing the program over the last 11 months at a ceremony held at the Sheriff's Office.

Bristol County Sheriff Thomas M. Hodgson urged the graduates to go back to their neighborhoods, communities and schools and pass along the lessons learned to others.

"Help each other out," he said to the graduates. "Become young leaders, go back to your communities and make them stronger."

Created last year to support at-risk youth before they get into trouble, the True Course program uses the outdoors as a vehicle for change to boost life skills, teamwork and self-confidence in kids who are at risk to head down the wrong path. Youth are referred to the True Course program from the United Way's Family Resource Development Center, which typically receives referrals from school resource officers, guidance counselors or family members.

"This is all about community," Sheriff Hodgson continued. "Parents, guardians, the United Way, everyone coming together to get kids on the right trajectory."

Youth in the program undertake a variety of outdoor activities

and adventures, such as canoeing, ziplining, fishing, camping and others. Each activity has a life skill and team work component built into it. For example, youth went canoeing, capsized their canoes and had to work as a team and communicate effectively to get back in. Another example is using map and compass to navigate in the outdoors, with True Course staff sharing with the youth that they need to have their own life map and moral compasses to being a happy, healthy adult and member of the community.

The best part of the program? It's working. A staff member from the United Way FRDC said at the graduation ceremony that Nellyanne, one of her students, is now a straight-A scholar. Parents attending said their children are behaving better than they were.

The next step for two of the graduates is a 12-week leadership course, upon which after completion, they will serve as peer leaders to future True Course youth.

"The best way to make a real impact on public safety is to reach children before they ever walk through the front door of a police station or jail," Sheriff Hodgson said. "Programs like this and others are critically important to building strong communities, neighborhoods and schools."

True Course was named after the maritime term for a vessel's first charted course before weather and other factors push it off course. It is staffed by Youth Outreach Deputies Mike Valler, Bruno Ventura, Mariah Carvalho and Tyler Oliveira. Parents or others interested in the program should contact the United Way's FRDC in New Bedford at 508-994-4521. The program is slated to expand to Fall River later this year.

New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches Kennedy Summer Day Program offers kids an opportunity for exploration and adventure!

Does spending the summer swimming at the beach, boating, playing sports, doing arts and crafts and going on exciting field trips sound fun? With the Kennedy Summer Day Program offered by New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches you can pick from 4 separate two-week sessions that offer all this and more!

The program is an immersive experience with hands-on learning, games and activities at a very low cost. The Kennedy Summer Day Program operates out of beautiful Fort Taber park and includes breakfast, lunch and transportation. The program is open to children who are eligible for kindergarten September of 2019 through the age of 14.



- SESSION 1: JULY 1-12 (NO CAMP ON JULY 4TH)
- SESSION 2: JULY 15-26
- SESSION 3: JULY 29-AUGUST 9
- SESSION 4: AUGUST 12-23

The Kennedy Summer Day Program (KSDP) provides children from across the city with a high-quality summer camp type experience at an extremely reduced rate and most often provides financial aid to eligible participants. This program offers the full-range of services by providing daily transportation to and from camp, serving a healthy nutritious breakfast & lunch while providing a fun and educational summer experience to children.

KSDP offers a safe, structured environment for 8 weeks of the summer. Weekly participants (125 max.) are divided into age groups (Grades 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7, 8 & 9). Also, pre-teens are given the opportunity to learn counselor in training skills and assist staff during the program.

Each day participants travel from one learning experience to another. Activities include: arts & crafts, games, sports, swimming, boating, nature programs, field trips and partnering agencies who conduct hands-on learning workshops to further

enhance the experience.



Previous partnerships include the National Park Service, National Recreation and Park Association, New Bedford Art Museum Art-Mobile, Community Boating Center, Buzzards Bay Coalition, Buttonwood Park Zoo, New Bedford Fire Department, and SMAST.

The program provides participants with a high-quality summer experience for a very minimal cost. Register today!

This year for New Bedford residents it's \$240 for each two week session and \$270 for non-residents. There are scholarships for qualifying New Bedford residents that would bring the cost down to \$100 for each two week session. Fifty-five percent of kids that attend the Kennedy Summer Day Program receive a scholarship.

Applications are available at our office at 181 Hillman St. (bldg. 3) New Bedford, Ma 02740 or you can download a fillable version below. Financial aid is subject to availability and for New Bedford residents only.

Want to register? There are applications available in English and Español.

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Association.



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Alma del Mar Board of Trustees approves agreement with City of New Bedford

Alma del Mar's Board of Trustees voted Monday evening to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of New Bedford to open a new, neighborhood-enrolled charter public school that will grow over four years to serve 450 children in grades K-8.

In January, Alma received approval from the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to open a new charter public school in New Bedford. Officials from Alma, the City of New Bedford and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education have negotiated this unique MOU to eventually operate the new school at the former Kempton Elementary School.

"This agreement represents an incredible opportunity for New Bedford families and students. We are excited to forge ahead in collaboration with Superintendent Thomas Anderson to support great schools for all children in our city," said Alma Board Chair Jan Baptist.

The deal is still pending various city and state approvals. If all approvals are received, Alma plans to open at the former

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception school building this August and will initially serve 200 students in grades K, 1, 2, and 6. This new school will grow over four years to serve 450 children in grades K-8 who are enrolled from the new zone drawn by NBPS around the former Horatio A. Kempton School.

The school will serve as Alma's temporary home while the now-closed Kempton School undergoes renovations to ensure it is a safe and welcoming space for students. If city approvals are granted, the City of New Bedford would convey the Kempton to Alma del Mar later this spring.

"I am thrilled by this unique collaboration between the City in which I spent my professional career and a school that I believe in wholeheartedly," said Martha Kay, a member of Alma's Board of Trustees. "It is exciting to see these two working together for the good of our community and, just as importantly, the benefit of our children."

Alma trustees are volunteers who serve three-year terms. As members of the Alma del Mar Board of Trustees, each trustee advocates on behalf of the 450 New Bedford children that we have committed to serve and put on a college trajectory.

Alma's Board of Trustee members are: Jan Baptist (Chair), Martha Kay, Gail Fortes, Maria Rosario, Chris Arnold, Lucile Hicks, Christopher Bator, Bronwen Cunningham, David Eckert and John Polk.

29-year old Bourne man

arrested for “Wreckless Hobbies” break in

The Wareham Police Department announced that the suspect in the “Wreckless Hobbies” shop burglary has been arrested. **On Thursday, February 21st, at 3:20 a.m. a male suspect smashed his way into the shop and stole multiple items valued at over \$3,500.**

Wareham Police detectives noted that on Saturday, March 16th, Foxborough had a similar type incident occur at a store in their community. Wareham detectives contacted Foxborough detectives and on March 19th, Foxborough Police received a tip on a possible suspect. It was determined after investigation that the suspect was living in Bourne. Wareham Police detectives continued the follow-up and were granted a search warrant for the suspect’s home.

At approximately 3:40 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20th, detectives and officers from Wareham, Bourne, and Foxborough, raided the home and placed the suspect under arrest. During the raid two loaded firearms were located, one being in a jacket pocket of the suspect. Inside the home, detectives confiscated several previously stolen items. The suspect was transported to the Wareham Police Department where he was held on \$10,000 cash bail. He is due in Wareham District Court on Wednesday morning.

Andrew Darby, 29, of Bourne is charged with;

- Break and entering into a building in the night with intent to commit a felony.
- Larceny from a building.
- Vandalizing property.
- In addition, he will be facing multiple charges in both Bourne and Foxborough.

Acting Police Chief John Walcek, said, "The cooperation among the multiple police agencies resulted in this suspect being taken off of the streets. The detectives involved did a tremendous job in following-up and bringing this case to a successful conclusion."

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Session #2

Class #1

Saturday, March 30, 2019

8:00am-3:00pm

Class #2

Sunday, March 31, 2019

8:00am-3:00pm-

Class #3

Saturday, April 6, 2019

8:00am-2:30pm

Class #4

Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:00am-2:30pm

Class #5

Sunday, April 13, 2019

8:00am-2:30pm

Class #6

Sunday, April 14, 2019

8:00am-2:30pm

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