

Boston Strong Invitational Basketball Tournament starts Aug. 4

It's that time of year again, when ballers come together to honor the memory of the victims of the Boston Marathon bombers, including two law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice during the investigation into the terrorist attack. This weekend's Boston Strong Invitational Basketball Tournament is a way for Boston and surrounding communities, as well as public safety agencies like the MSP, to remember and honor MIT Police Officer Sean A. Collier, Boston Police Officer Dennis J. Simmonds and all of the victims of the Boston Marathon tragedy.

Event organizers are excited to again have a separate youth division in the tournament. The youth division was a huge success last year and was a positive experience for the kids. Six youth teams will be co-coached by volunteer Mass State Police Troopers, Boston Police officers, and other local officers. After competition, youth teams will have lunch with their coaches where there will be an open discussion, to further the goal of improving trust and understanding between local young people and law enforcement officers.

The Boston Strong Invitational Basketball Tournament will be held August 4 and 5 at the Rockwell Cage Gymnasium, 120 Vassar St., Cambridge. Doors open at 8:45 each day.

Massachusetts Woman Pleads Guilty to Stealing over \$300,000 in Social Security and Veterans Benefits

A Leominster woman pleaded guilty today in federal court in Worcester to stealing Social Security and Veterans Affairs benefits.

Joyce Progin, 71, pleaded guilty to two counts of theft of public funds. U.S. District Court Judge Timothy S. Hillman scheduled sentencing for Nov. 2, 2018. Progin was arrested and charged in January 2018.

In November 2009, Progin's former father-in-law passed away. At the time of his death, the father-in-law was receiving monthly retirement benefits from Social Security and monthly benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Neither agency was advised of his death and continued to deposit his benefit payments into a bank account he held jointly with Progin, who was his caregiver. Although she admitted knowing that she was not entitled to the money, from November 2009 through March 2017, Progin received approximately \$55,267 in Social Security benefits, and from November 2009 through November 2017, she received approximately \$269,978 in benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs, in total, stealing over \$300,000 in public funds.

The charge of theft of public funds provides for a sentence of no greater than 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss, whichever is greater. 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; Scott Antolik, Special Agent in Charge of the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations, Boston Field Division; and Sean Smith, Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General, Northeast Field Office, made the announcement today. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen Burzycki of Lelling's Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case.

New Bedford waterfront dispute over narcotics

New Bedford Police made arrests following an incident the morning of Friday, Aug. 3 at the waterfront.

The incident involved a dispute over narcotics among individuals known to each other.

At one point during the incident, one of the people involved, who was legally licensed to carry a firearm, pulled a weapon while another of the participants jumped in the water.

Police subsequently arrested:

Cesar Humberto Soares, 45, of 252 Flag Swamp Road, Dartmouth, was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon.

Cesar Soares, 22, of 314 Tinkham St. Apt. 2, New Bedford, was charged with possession of heroin, possession of heroin with intent to distribute and on a warrant.

Police will release the identities of others arrested once the investigation is complete.

18 Things To Do This Weekend (August 3-August 5)

As always, click on the title for more or detailed information on the event. Most of the events were pulled from our [event calendar](#) where you can find hundreds of local area events each month. The event calendar is FREE, so if you are a local business, and not taking advantage of FREE publicity, shame on you! Are you a local business and want to sponsor this high traffic, weekend guide?

Contact info@newbedfordguide.com for more details. Have an event to add? Add it [here](#). Know of another event this weekend? Post a reply!

Friday, August 3rd

Feast of the Blessed Sacrament (ALL DAY)

The New Bedford Feast of the Blessed Sacrament, a.k.a. the Portuguese Feast, a.k.a. Madeira Feast is the largest event New Bedford has every year. More than that, it is the largest Portuguese feast in the world and the largest ethnic festival in New England. For an overview of the feast, from food, drink, and entertainment click on the thread title.



*Live music all weekend
at PUB6T5!*

29th Annual Public Hanging at Gallery X (5:00pm-8:00pm)

In August 1990 there were no contemporary art galleries in the city, so Gallery X decided to have a Public Hanging. 29 years later New Bedford is considered one of the most creative in the country. Gallery X, 169 William St., New Bedford.

New Bedford Ballet Presents A Patchwork of Dance (5:30pm-7:00pm)

“Nana’s Quilt” is entertainment for the entire family. Nana weaves the story of her childhood into a charming ballet as she relates the history of a very special quilt to her granddaughter. NBB Community Theatre, 2343 Purchase St., New Bedford.

City of New Bedford Summer Sound Series: Funk Side Up (Pop, Funk, Rock) (6:00pm-8:00pm)

The Summer Sound Series will feature live musical entertainment on Pier 3 in Downtown New Bedford’s Seaport Cultural District. Residents and visitors will dance to live music, enjoy beverages available for purchase, and relax along New Bedford’s beautiful working waterfront. Free parking and shuttle service to City Pier 3 is available at Whale’s Tooth Parking Lot. Additional parking is available at Elm Street Garage within walking distance of City Pier 3. The public is invited to bring their chairs and enjoy front row seating to performances.

“Batteries Not Included” at PUB6T5 (9:00pm-1:00am)

BNI returns Pub 6T5 Friday, 8/3 – A New Bedford Hot Spot! Join us on the dance floor while we rock out to your favorites of all decades/genres. Show starts at 9! 736 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, MA.

Saturday, August 4th

Mattapoisett Congregational Church Yard Sale (9:30am-12:00pm)

Something for everyone: children's table, jewelry table, household items, clothing, and furniture (tables, chairs, clothing, bureaus, end tables, and desks). Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett.

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New Bedford Farmers Market- Clasky Common Park (10:00am-2:00pm)

Open every Saturday at Clasky Common Park from 10-2pm from June-October offering a large variety of local farm fresh fruit & vegetables! Credit, Debit, SNAP, & HIP benefits accepted!



*Farmer's Market at
Clasky Common Park!*

26th Annual Onset Blues Festival (10:00am-9:00pm)

Great food and vendor court. Chairs, blankets and pillows welcome. NO coolers or dogs allowed. Free parking at Hynes Field, about a three-minute walk to the Bandshell. That's on the corner of Onset, Ave, 10th Street and Wareham Ave. Overflow and also free parking in Lopes Field across the street (behind the playground) Otherwise pay at the Pier til 10:00 or Temple Lot til 6:00. Lillian Gregerman Bandshell, 1 Union Avenue, Onset, MA.

Car Wash & School Supply Drive (1:00pm-4:00pm)

All Ranks Gymnastics Academy competitive team booster club is having a fundraising car wash; \$5 114 Conway St, New Bedford 1-4p.m. This will be in conjunction with collecting school supplies to "Fill an Ambulance with school supplies" with Stat Ambulance service. All school supplies collected will be donated to Catholic Social Services Fall River Does Diocese.

Edaville Family Theme Park Activities: Curious George! (10:00am-5:00pm)

Come RIDE, ROAR, and EXPLORE at the exciting world of Edaville! With 3 PARKS IN 1, you can ride through Cran-Central, roar throughout Dino Land, and explore with Thomas & Friends through the magical Island of Sodor! Admission includes all rides & attractions. MA/RI Residents save up to \$7 per date-specific ticket online only. Restrictions apply. Discount applied after applicable billing address entered. Edaville Family Theme Park, 5 Pine St. Carver.

The Festa Bash at PUB 6T5 (9:00pm-2:00am)

New Bedford's newest and nicest place to Party after the Festa. 2 DJs playing your favorite hits till 2am. Plenty of off street parking and kitchen open till 10pm and pizza Till 11pm. 736 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, MA.

Sunday, August 5th

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*Exercise for the
body, mind and
spirit!*

Java with Jesus (Westport) (8:30am-9:00am)

Westport Point United Methodist Church, 1912 Main Road, is offering a contemporary service on Sunday mornings for the months of July and August. It is a fresh approach to worship, filled with songs of praise and time for prayer. The service begins at 8:30 and lasts about 30 minutes. Before you head to the beach or onto the boat for the day, come join in this casual time of fellowship and worship. The service is lead by Pastor Kate Galop and all are welcome.

FREE New Bedford Adult Wellness Program (9:00am-1:15pm)

Free wellness programming for all levels. Open to the public. See poster for detail.

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Bark in the Park (11:00am-4:00pm)

70+ Vendors and Rescues: Foods, Crafts, Pet Items, and MORE! Demos: Agility, Shutzhund, Rally Obedience, Basic Obedience & Kid/Pet Interaction Skills, Fundraisers Pets and Animals Craft Fairs Family. Rabies and Microchipping Clinic: Rabies: \$15 & Microchipping \$20. Kennedy Park, 315 Bradford Avenue, Fall River, MA.

FREE Event: Music on the Veranda (12:00pm-8:00pm)

Bring a lawn chair and/or a blanket. Food, drinks and wine will be available for purchase. There will be plenty of kid friendly activities including a bounce house and games. The Women's Center, 405 County Street, New Bedford.

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Webster Man Pleads Guilty to Possessing Child Pornography

A Webster man pleaded guilty today in federal court in

Worcester to possession of child pornography.

William Shenette, 32, pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography. U.S. District Court Judge Timothy S. Hillman scheduled sentencing for Nov. 1, 2018.

On Dec. 1, 2017, federal and state law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at Shenette's residence in Webster. Shenette admitted that he had received two videos of "kiddy porn" the previous evening. During their search, Shenette's tablet was seized and an on-scene forensic exam was conducted, which revealed two videos, one of a prepubescent girl being anally penetrated by an adult male and another of a female child being orally penetrated by an adult male.

In addition, Kik Messenger chats between Shenette and another person regarding the videos were found. During those chats, Shenette stated that he "wants to (expletive) a little girl" aged "6 to 12." In response, the third party sent the aforementioned videos.

The charge provides for a sentence of no greater than 20 years in prison, a minimum of five years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. 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; Harold H. Shaw, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Field Division; Peter C. Fitzhugh, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Boston; Worcester Police Chief Steven M. Sargent; and Chief Timothy Bent, Webster Police Department, made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Michelle Dineen Jerrett of Lelling's Worcester Branch Office 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 U.S. Attorneys' offices and 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 via the internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov. (link is external)

New Bedford Man Arrested on Narcotic Charges and Attempting to Hit a Police officer with his Car

On Thursday, August 02, 2018 at approximately 3:03 p.m., Dartmouth Police Department narcotics detectives attempted to negotiate an arrest in connection with a narcotics investigation on McCabe Street.

While doing so, the male operator, identified as Erick ROMAN, 29, of #77 Sidney Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts, allegedly attempted to strike the detectives with his vehicle.

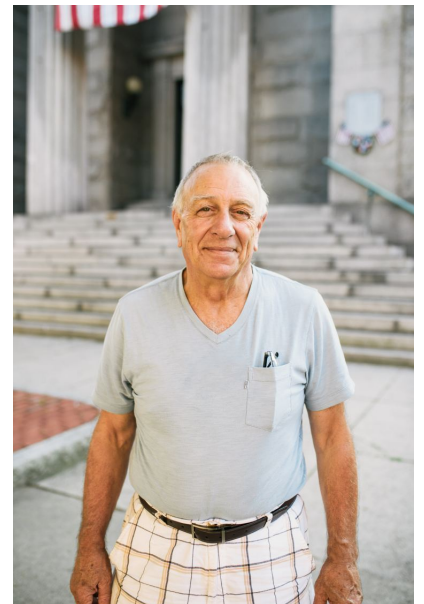
After detectives were able to successfully extract ROMAN from his vehicle, it rolled into another vehicle parked in the area.

As a result of both the crash, as well as the fact that detectives observed him ingesting narcotics prior to his arrest, ROMAN was transported to St. Luke's Hospital to be evaluated.

ROMAN is being charged with possession with intent to distribute a class B drug, conspiracy to violate drug laws, failure to stop for police, assault with a dangerous weapon to wit a motor vehicle, and resisting arrest.

Faces Of New Bedford #165: Neil Weiss

Meet Neal Weiss, 71-year-old founder of Fiber Optic Center and owner of Whaling City Sound. Growing up outside of New York, Neal reallocated to New Hampshire to teach after college, where he met his late-wife. She was originally from New Bedford, so after they got married they moved back to this area.



Neal was now commuting to Boston working for Boston Electronics Corp, running the day to day operation. This was all happening while he and his wife were raising their two children, when she became ill. This added stress drove him to find a way to work closer to home and spend more time with his family. He ended up buying the fiber optic portion of Boston Electronics Corp and relocating it to New Bedford as Fiber Optic Center.

After many years of running Fiber Optic Center, Neal decided to pursue his other passions in life. As an avid Jazz music fan, he decided to start a record company that put out Jazz

albums. Working with artists all over New England, he has been able to put together handfuls of cd's, even one that is being used by Destination New Bedford as a promotional item at the visitor's center.

Faces of New Bedford is a project by Colton Simmons. If you are interested in booking a shoot or getting prints from the series email all inquiries to colton@coltonsimmons.com.

Follow Colton on Instagram:
<https://instagram.com/simmonscolton>

Read more of the Faces of New Bedford series [here](#).

New Bedford man arrested Illegal firearm, ammunition seized

Members of the New Bedford Police Narcotics Unit took an illegal firearm and ammunition off the street and made an arrest after executing a search warrant Wednesday, Aug. 1 at 124 Florence St.

At that location, police found a 9 mm Ruger P95 firearm with the serial number scratched off, a high-capacity feeding device containing 15 rounds of ammunition and a bag of cocaine.

Police arrested Scott Roy Vicente, 39, of 124 Florence St. Apt. 2FL, New Bedford, on charges of possession of a defaced firearm, illegal possession of a large-capacity firearm,

illegal possession of a handgun, illegal possession of ammunition, possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine, subsequent offense, and firearm violation with one prior violent or drug crime.

Vicente has been arraigned on 50 charges over nearly 20 years, including assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, illegal distribution of a class A substance and failure to obey a police officer.

Vicente is being held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing Aug. 7.

Wareham store charged with selling alcohol to a minor twice within five days

On Tuesday, July, 31 starting at about 3:45 p.m. Wareham Police detectives began another compliance check of liquor stores in Wareham. This comes on the heels of **a compliance check which was completed on Thursday, July 26**. In that sting, three stores failed the checks, including the Jug Shop, 219 Main Street. Yet again this store failed on the Tuesday checks.

The owner of the store, Adelaide Deponte, 68, of Mansfield, was the person who sold the alcohol to the minor on Tuesday and is the same person who sold the alcohol illegally on Thursday as well. When approached by a detective about the sale, Ms. Deponte told him, "You guys are setting me up."

In addition to the Jug Shop, Mayflower Liquors, 3150 Cranberry

Highway, also failed on the compliance check. Aruna Johar, 65, of Plymouth, allowed the sale of the alcohol to a minor at that location. As is the policy of the Wareham Police Department, both of these individuals are going to be facing the criminal charge of, selling liquor to a person under 21.

Acting Wareham Police Chief John Walcek said, "This is a very serious issue which I consider a matter of public safety. I am disgusted that a store owner would accuse a detective of this department that we are trying to set their business up. Obviously, they did not get the message that we will have zero tolerance for this crime. It is very simple, obey the law and there won't be any issues. I can assure you we are going to pursue this vigorously."

The Wareham Police Department will be continuously following up on every business in town that has a liquor license, ensuring compliance with the law.

Wareham police charge woman with OUI, driving without a license

On Tuesday, July 31, at about 1:00 a.m., Officers Nate Aronson observed a vehicle driving erratically on Sandwich Road and pulled it over on Main Street.

After an investigation, Officer Aronson arrested the operator who had identified herself under a false name, for operating the under the influence of liquor, operating to endanger, fail to stop at a stop sign, speeding and marked lanes violation.

Arriving at the station with the arrestee, Officer Zina Kelsch immediately recognized the suspect as Shaunelle Black, 34, of Wareham. As the result, Ms. Black picked up additional charges including, operator refusing to identify self, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, disorderly conduct, and disturbing the peace.

Wareham police allege that Ms. Black was completely uncooperative during the booking process, allegedly hurling insults at Officer Kelsch and Sergeant Daniel Henderson. She was held until court later in the morning.