

Three injured in head-on collision in Wareham

On Monday, February 19th at approximately 4:30 pm, Wareham police officers, EMS, and Wareham Fire Department personnel responded to a reported head-on collision motor vehicle accident in the area of the entrance to Garden Homes North on Rte. 28 (Cranberry Hwy.)

Upon arrival, officers noticed two vehicles with extensive damage and reported serious injuries sustained by the drivers of the vehicles and at least one of the two passengers in a second vehicle. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle traveling north on Rte. 28 was transported to Tobey Hospital via EMS to be treated for a possible head injury, while the operator and front passenger of the southbound vehicle were transported via ambulance to Rhode Island Hospital for treatment of apparent head and chest injuries. A second passenger in the southbound vehicle who was positioned in the rear seat was transported to Tobey Hospital to be checked for injuries.

Names of the injured parties will not be released at this time. The driver and sole occupant of the northbound vehicle who was transported to Tobey Hospital was a 27 year old male Wareham resident. The driver of the southbound vehicle was a 23 year old Wareham resident, and the front passenger in the southbound vehicle was a 58 year old Wareham, while the rear passenger was a 21 year old Wareham woman.

Investigation of the accident is ongoing by Wareham PD officers, although preliminary investigation indicates the operator of the southbound vehicle veered left and traveled into the northbound lane at the time of the collision.

Notorious New Bedford burglar arrested twice in one week; not having to post any bail

On Friday, February 9th, 2018 at approximately 12:30 a.m., New Bedford Police respond to an alarm that was activated at the Moby Dick Brewery located at 52 Union Street in Downtown New Bedford. New Bedford Police arrived quickly and were notified by a witness who stated they observed a male, later identified as Douglas R. Boice, 41 years old, as the person who entered the Moby Dick Brewery and walked out with two bottles of alcohol.

Boice was located by the Police based on the description provided, and was found in possession of the stolen bottles of alcohol. Boice, who is currently listed as homeless, was charged with breaking and entering into a building in the nighttime for a felony, among other charges. Boice was arraigned at New Bedford Third District Court, and was released by Judge Paul Pino without having to post any money for bail.

Five days later, on Wednesday, February, 14th, 2018, Boice was again arrested, this time for armed robbery. Boice was arrested in the 700 block of Purchase Street in Downtown New Bedford, after robbing a male of cash. Boice again would be arraigned and go before Judge Pino. Boice again was released by Judge Pino without having to post any money for bail.

Boice has an extensive criminal history, which includes 62 adult arraignments with 50 resulting in convictions. Boice's convictions include possession of a firearm, breaking and

entering, larceny from a person, assault and battery and dealing drugs.

Eight people arrested for robbery on Tinkham Street in New Bedford

Police response to a report of a man robbed at 149 Tinkham St. Wednesday led to the shutdown of the property and the arrest of eight people, including a man with a lengthy criminal record who served 15-20 years in state prison for murder.

The property at 149 Tinkham Street, which is bank-owned, has been the subject of complaints from neighbors and multiple requests for police services. The property has been boarded up and is no longer inhabited following the arrest of eight people Wednesday on the third floor of the building.

One of those arrested was Hector Torres, 62. He was charged with unarmed robbery, assault and battery, trespassing and possession of class A and B substance with intent to distribute.

Torres has a long criminal history, including 23 adult arraignments. He has previous convictions for possession of firearms, dealing heroin, burglary and robbery. He was also convicted of murder in 1983 and sentenced to 15-20 years in state prison.

Nine days before his most recent arrest, Torres was arrested on Feb. 5, 2018 at the same address by narcotics detectives for dealing drugs.

During his arraignment on Thursday, Feb. 15, Judge Paul Pino set his bail at \$1,000.00, even though the district attorney's office requested that bail be set at \$10,000.00 and his previous bail from his Feb. 5 arrest be revoked. Torres has posted bail and is currently out on the streets of New Bedford.

As a result of police arriving at the location, they made eight arrests and determined that the power had been shut off and the people living there were working off an illegal generator. The building was shut down through a combined effort of the water department, the health department, the inspectional services department and the police department.

The closing of this address was part of a citywide effort to identify, improve or if need be to close down problem properties. The Mayor's Neighborhood Task Force regularly inspects properties that have been the subject of complaints by the public or by visual inspection. The building owners are notified of the issues that need to be addressed.

The eight arrests that led to the building's closing followed a report from a man who said he was robbed at that address.

The man said that shortly after he arrived at the location, he was assaulted by several people at the residence and robbed of his wallet which contained cash.

The man was not seriously injured.

Another person arrested at that address Wednesday was Sky-Lynn Ellis, 23 years old. She was charged with unarmed robbery, trespassing and assault and battery.

She was released from court on Wednesday by Judge Pino without having to post any bail. On Thursday afternoon, she was re-arrested on prostitution-related charges after she propositioned an undercover officer for sex for a fee. She returned to court on Thursday afternoon. At her arraignment in

front of Judge Robert Ovoian, she was again released without bail and put back on the streets of New Bedford.

Mayor Jon Mitchell stated that the pattern of releasing violent defendants is of significant concern to the City and its residents.

“The continued practice of district court judges releasing violent defendants on limited bail is deeply troubling,” said Mayor Mitchell. “It has compromised the safety of our city, negated the hard work of our police officers, and undermined the public’s respect for the state judicial system. It underscores the need for the appointment of judges who have more than a passing connection to Greater New Bedford, and for heightened media scrutiny of district court proceedings. The doors of the system must be thrown open to the daylight.”

Massachusetts State Police Award Speeding Teen With \$435 Ticket

Trooper Paul Courcy, a recent graduate of the 83rd Recruit Training Troop, was monitoring traffic with his Field Training Officer, Trooper Eric French, when he measured the speed of a vehicle on I-495 that was moving much too fast, 108 miles per hour.

Please keep in mind that when you are speeding at dangerous speeds, you are not only endangering yourself, but the motorists around you. Be kind, courteous, and think of others. We don’t want to have to respond to a crash that could result in serious or fatal injuries, especially if it’s caused by

careless decisions.

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108, TOO FAST!

Massachusetts State Police Lay K-9 Wyatt To Rest

Wyatt, You've Earned Your Free Time. K-9 Wyatt was Trooper Bob Bohn's partner from 2008 until about a year and a half ago, when Wyatt retired.

On February 14th, Trooper Bohn had to make the decision to give him peace. Wyatt's quality of life had quickly deteriorated. After taking Wyatt on his final ride, Trooper Bohn wrote:

"Wyatt, I couldn't have asked for a better partner. You were always vigilant, alert, and focused. Thanks for watching over me and keeping me safe. You have definitely earned your free

time. I love you.” -Bob Bohn, K9 East

From the members of your MSP family, we have you in our thoughts Bob. Rest In Peace Wyatt, keep an eye on us from over that rainbow bridge.



Over 50 firefighters battle blaze in New Bedford

Here's an update on the three-alarm fire on Granfield Street in New Bedford today.

According to New Bedford Fire Department's Chief Gomes, there were heavy fires at 9 and 11 Granfield Street this afternoon – both structures were enveloped when firefighters arrived on the scene. The structures are only a few feet apart. Both buildings are a total loss.

Nine NBFD companies arrived to fight the fire with mutual aid from Dartmouth, Fairhaven and Acushnet fire departments. More than 50 firefighters fought the blaze and are still working on hot spots. Firefighters are expected to stay on the scene until midnight.

15 residents were displaced from several families – three people were transported to hospital due to smoke inhalation. There were no injuries to firefighters.

Initial reports are that the fire was started at the exterior of the homes.

Video by Arjenis Marcial.

New Bedford firefighters battle blaze on Granfield Street in New Bedford

Here's a look at the two, possible three alarm fire on Granfield Street near Coggeshall Street. The fire has been shutdown by our amazing firefighters. We'll report more as we get it.

Video by Juan Ferrer.

Brockton man pleads guilty to kidnapping man and two children

A Brockton man pleaded guilty Monday, February 12, in federal court in Boston to the armed kidnapping of a Quincy man and two children.

Diego Pires, 23, pleaded guilty to kidnapping before U.S. District Court Chief Judge Patti B. Saris, who scheduled sentencing for May 16, 2018. In January 2018, co-defendant Malik Bangura, 20, was sentenced to 17 years in prison and two years of supervised release. Sedrick Oliveira, 26, of Stoughton, and Yesenia Diaz, 23, of Brockton, were also charged.

On Oct. 8, 2016, at approximately 10:25 p.m., a 30-year-old man was kidnapped from the driveway of his Quincy home after being struck in the head with a revolver as he got out of his truck, and dragged into a nearby sedan. The victim had two children strapped into car seats in his truck.

Once the victim was in the sedan, two masked perpetrators, later identified as Pires and Bangura, drove the victim's truck, with the children, to a secluded location where they unloaded approximately 30 pounds of marijuana and \$20,000 from the victim's truck, into the sedan. The victim, who was face-down in the backseat of the sedan at gunpoint, begged for his life and the life of the two children who were still in their car seats in the back of his truck.

Pires, Bangura, Diaz, and Oliveira then drove the sedan with the drugs, cash and the victim, from Quincy to Brockton and

called the victim's wife demanding \$100,000. Law enforcement officers spotted the sedan as it drove through Brockton, recognized the vehicle from a drive-by shooting that occurred in August 2016, and began to follow it. After the defendants recognized the police, they attempted to flee, but ultimately abandoned the sedan in a Brockton driveway. The victim escaped, flagged down law enforcement officers, and described to them the secluded location where the truck had been disserted. Law enforcement located the truck with the children, who were unharmed.

Diaz was subsequently found standing by the sedan and arrested. She previously pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing. Oliveira was arrested on Oct. 10, 2016, in Stoughton and charged in a federal criminal complaint. He pleaded not guilty to the kidnapping charge. Bangura was arrested and charged in April 2017. Pires remained a fugitive until he was apprehended in October 2017.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Harold H. Shaw, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Field Division; Mickey D. Leadingham, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, Boston Field Division; Colonel Kerry A. Gilpin, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; Brockton Police Chief John Crowley; and Quincy Police Chief Paul Keenan, made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Emily O. Cannon of Lelling's Organized Crime and Gang Unit prosecuted the case.

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

South Coast Job Central seeks candidates for live resume reviews

Unemployed and looking for work? Join Ian Abreu on the South Coast Job Central live on New Bedford Guide's Facebook page to review your resume in front of thousands of people to include hundreds of potential employers. Interested in scheduling a show? Email mike@newbedfordguide.com

For an example, start at the 23-minute mark on this video:

The Chris Resendes Show with Taylor Faith & Dr. Mike Rocha

Join the Chris Resendes Show this Thursday and every Thursday evening at 7pm Live on New Bedford Guide's Facebook page.

This week Chris sits down with with one of his favorite and strongest people Taylor Faith. This young lady has been through so much pain both physically and emotionally.

She is the daughter of an addict. Watch her tell her story of growing up in this situation and compounded with debilitating illness.

Chris will also sit down with Hawthorne Medical's Dr Michael

Rocha to discuss Heart Disease awareness month.