

# Meeting Street broke another record by raising \$1.2 million dollars during its annual telethon held last weekend

Meeting Street is pleased to announce that its 42nd annual telethon presented by Cardi's Furniture and Mattresses celebrated raising \$1,233,541 during its broadcast on WPRI 12 and FOX Providence on January 27th. The annual event, which is the organization's largest fundraiser of the year, attracted hundreds of guests to the two broadcast locations, Meeting Street's Providence, RI and Dartmouth, MA campuses, and tens of thousands of television viewers. This year's fundraising total exceeds the previous record, set in 2017, by \$100,541.

"Once again, we are truly amazed by the results of this year's telethon and are so thankful to have a wonderful community of supporters who believe in our mission," said John M. Kelly, President of Meeting Street. "These funds allow Meeting Street to grow our services and bring our innovative, inclusive style of education and early childhood services to even more families in Rhode Island and Massachusetts."

The four-hour show, hosted by WPRI 12 news anchors as well as Meeting Street children, included an inside look at Meeting Street's early childhood and school programs, special segments featuring current and former students, and live interviews with Meeting Street supporters, staff and families.

*Founded in 1946, Meeting Street compassionately and innovatively empowers children and their families to thrive by fostering the development of the whole child. Meeting Street's vision is to be a national leader in child development, education, research and training. Today, Meeting Street works with over 5,000 children and families annually through its core programs: Early Intervention, Early Head Start, Healthy Families America, Early Learning Center, Pediatric Outpatient Rehabilitation Services, The Grace School, The Carter School, and The Schwartz School. For more information about Meeting Street visit [www.MeetingStreet.org](http://www.MeetingStreet.org).*

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## **36 Fire Officers Graduate Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's 25th Chief Fire Officer Management Training Program**

On Thursday, February 1, 2018, 36 fire service leaders from across Massachusetts graduated from the 25th offering of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's Chief Fire Officer Management Training Program. This fourteen-week program was developed in accordance with National Fire Protection Association Standards for chief fire officers, and is delivered jointly by the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management at the University of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. It is a comprehensive course providing training in the non-fire suppression aspects of managing fire departments.

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey said, "These fire service leaders are committed to continually developing their management and leadership skills in order to provide the highest level of service to the communities they protect."

The thirty-six graduates serve the following fire departments: Amesbury, Andover, Ashland, Bellingham, Belmont, Berlin, Bourne, Cambridge, Centerville-Osterville-Marston Mills, Chatham, Chicopee, Dartmouth District #3, Fitchburg, Foxborough, Franklin, Kingston, Ludlow, Malden, Natick, Plainville, Randolph, Rockland, Saugus, Shrewsbury, Southborough, Stoughton, Stow, Walpole, Wareham, Wayland, Weston, Weymouth, Whitman and Wrentham.

The curriculum covers a spectrum of topics considered essential for effective public sector management. It includes human resource management, ethics, executive leadership and legal issues, governmental and organization structures, information management, customer-focused strategic planning, legal aspects, budgets and public finance, community awareness and public relations, and labor relations.

The Chief Fire Officer Management Training Program expects to help fire officers improve their ability to lead and manage personnel and the department, to provide skills to understand employees' needs and problems, to promote personal productivity, to increase the capacity to manage both human and technical resources, and to increase inter-agency cooperation.

Participants are required to write a formal applied research paper that identifies a current problem or challenge faced by their organization and proposes a viable solution. The officers must then present their proposal to a panel of municipal officials for their consideration.

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, a division of the Department of Fire Services, offers this program, tuition-

free.

**2017-2018 Chief Fire Officers List of Graduates:**

*Graduation 2/1/18*

Deputy Chief James Nolan Amesbury

Deputy Chief Kyle Murphy Andover

Lieutenant Matthew J. Boland Ashland

Captain Daniel W. Donovan Bellingham

Assistant Chief Wayne Haley Belmont

Captain Jamie B. Desautels Berlin

Deputy Chief David Pelonzi Bourne

Chief Norman Sylvester Bourne

Deputy Chief Peter Donovan Cambridge

Deputy Chief David M. DePasquale Chatham

Lieutenant Enrique Arrascue Centerville-Osterville-Marston  
Mills

Captain Peter Jerusik Chicopee

Deputy Chief Theodore Borges Dartmouth

Captain Anthony Marrama Fitchburg

Deputy Chief Thomas Buckley Sr. Foxborough

Captain Joseph Barbieri Franklin

Captain David Currier Jr. Kingston

Chief Ryan Pease Ludlow

Assistant Chief William Sullivan Malden

Captain Ronald A. Downing Natick

Captain Thomas Impey Plainville

Captain Paul C. Frew Randolph

Deputy Chief David Wooley Rockland

Deputy Chief Thomas D'Eon Jr. Saugus

Captain Sean Lawlor Shrewsbury

Captain Mark Sadowski Southborough

Deputy Chief Scott Breen Stoughton

Captain John P. Benoit Stow

Deputy Chief Paul Barry Walpole

Assistant Chief John G. Kelly Wareham

Assistant Chief Neil McPherson Wayland

Lieutenant Kenneth Case Weston  
Deputy Chief Thomas Murphy Weymouth  
Lieutenant Timothy Clancy Whitman  
Captain Antonio Marino Wrentham  
Captain Micheal Wainwright Wrentham  
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# **New Bedford Public Schools Superintendent search seeks input from community**

As part of the search for the next Superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools, the Screening Committee seeks input from students, staff, families, and residents through community meetings, focus groups, and a survey.

Representatives of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA), the executive search firm selected to assist in the search, will conduct focus groups with students, staff, and families at schools, and host public community meetings open to all members of the community, including families, students, staff, and residents.

HYA completes a community profile as part of its search to assist the Screening Committee and School Committee “in determining the primary characteristics desired in the new superintendent,” according to HYA.

## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS:**

The public meetings will be held at the district’s three middle schools:

Monday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m. – Normandin Middle School (Cafeteria), 81 Felton St.

Tuesday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. – Keith Middle School (Community Room), 225 Hathaway Blvd.

Wednesday, February 7 at 5:00 p.m. – Roosevelt Middle School (Community Room), 119 Frederick St.

#### **TO TAKE THE SURVEY:**

In addition, community input is sought through a survey for families, staff, students, and residents. Links to the survey will be available in English, Spanish and Portuguese through Monday, February 12 at HYA's website: [www.ecrasurvey.com/newbedfordma](http://www.ecrasurvey.com/newbedfordma).

#### **TO SUBMIT FEEDBACK BY EMAIL:**

In addition to the community meetings open to the public and the surveys available online, feedback is welcome by email at [SuperintendentSearch@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:SuperintendentSearch@newbedford-ma.gov) through Monday, February 12.

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## **Zeiterion Performing Arts Center presents "Jessica Lang Dance," Feb. 10**

*Veterans and active service members can attend the performance by Jessica Lang Dance on Sat, Feb 10 for FREE. To get your free tickets, either order on-line with code: **THANKYOU**, call the box office at 508-994-2900 or visit us at 638 Purchase Street.*

**GET TICKETS:** [zeiterion.org/jessica-lang-dance/](http://zeiterion.org/jessica-lang-dance/)

**Facebook Event:** [facebook.com/events/516553748694961/](https://facebook.com/events/516553748694961/)

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center presents one of the nation's top choreographers and dance companies, Jessica Lang Dance, on Saturday, February 10 at 8:00 p.m. They are best known for seamlessly incorporating striking design elements and transforming classical ballet language into artfully crafted, emotionally engaging contemporary works. The evening will feature Lang's masterpiece, Thousand Yard Stare, called "a remarkable evocation of soldiers in formation and at war" by the Chicago Tribune. This performance is included in The Zeiterion's Veterans Experience program, and all veterans and active service members are invited for free. Tickets otherwise range from \$27 to \$47 and can be purchased by calling 508-994-2900, online at [Zeiterion.org](http://Zeiterion.org), or at the Zeiterion Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling 508-997-5664 x123.

Founded in 2011, Jessica Lang Dance (JLD) is a New York City-based dance company dedicated to creating and performing the work of Jessica Lang, a choreographer hailed as a "master of visual composition" by Dance Magazine. She creates dazzling works for her own dancers as well as the world's most celebrated companies including American Ballet Theatre, Joffrey Ballet, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, and National Opera.

The company's Zeiterion debut will feature three of their most popular dances in their repertory: Her Road inspired by the Southwest works of painter Georgia O'Keefe and set to the music of Beethoven; The Calling an elegant solo featuring a dancer enveloped in a flowing skirt that fills the entire stage and set to haunting choral music "O Maria, Stella Maris"; and their signature piece, Thousand Yard Stare, a dance embodying the incredible pride and honor, as well as the searing loss, experienced by military veterans.

Since the company's inception, marked by Lang's receipt of a

Joyce Theater Artist Residency supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, JLD has made rapid success performing at renowned venues and festivals throughout the country including Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Brooklyn Academy of Music's Next Wave Festival, New York City Center's Fall for Dance Festival, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Joyce Theater, the Harris Theater for Music and Dance, Northrop Auditorium, and the Winspear Opera House, among others. The company's performances have been named among the best dance events of the year by major publications in Dallas, Chicago and Boston.

In the summer of 2015, JLD performed a rare two-week run at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, marking the company's third Pillow season since its company debut at Festival 2012. In November 2015, JLD made its critically acclaimed Chicago debut with Tesseract of Time, co-commissioned by the Harris Theater for Music and Dance, the inaugural Chicago Architecture Biennial and the Society for the Performing Arts featuring a set by world-renowned architect Steven Holl.

Lang has created more than 90 works since 1999, including Birmingham Royal Ballet (2013 Manchester Theatre Award nominee), and the National Ballet of Japan, among many others. Additional commissions include new works for the Kennedy Center with the National Symphony Orchestra, The Harris Theater and the Chicago Architecture Biennial in collaboration with architect Steven Holl, the Dallas Museum of Art and the Guggenheim Museum for its Works and Process series. For opera, Lang made her directorial debut creating Pergolesi's Stabat Mater at the 2013 Glimmerglass Opera Festival. She was a 2015 New York City Center Fellow.

Lang, a graduate of The Juilliard School, is a former member of Twyla Tharp's company, THARP!

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide New Bedford and the



region with performing arts programming of excellence that inspires, educates, engages and entertains. Tickets are available for purchase at [www.zeiterion.org](http://www.zeiterion.org), by calling 508-994-2900, or in person at the box office at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, Mass. Zeiterion Box Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and two hours before each performance.

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## **Wareham police arrest six in Wednesday warrant sweep**

On Wednesday, January 31st, Wareham Police Department detectives and troopers assigned to the Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section unit conducted a warrant sweep throughout various areas of Wareham and arrested 6 individuals without incident.

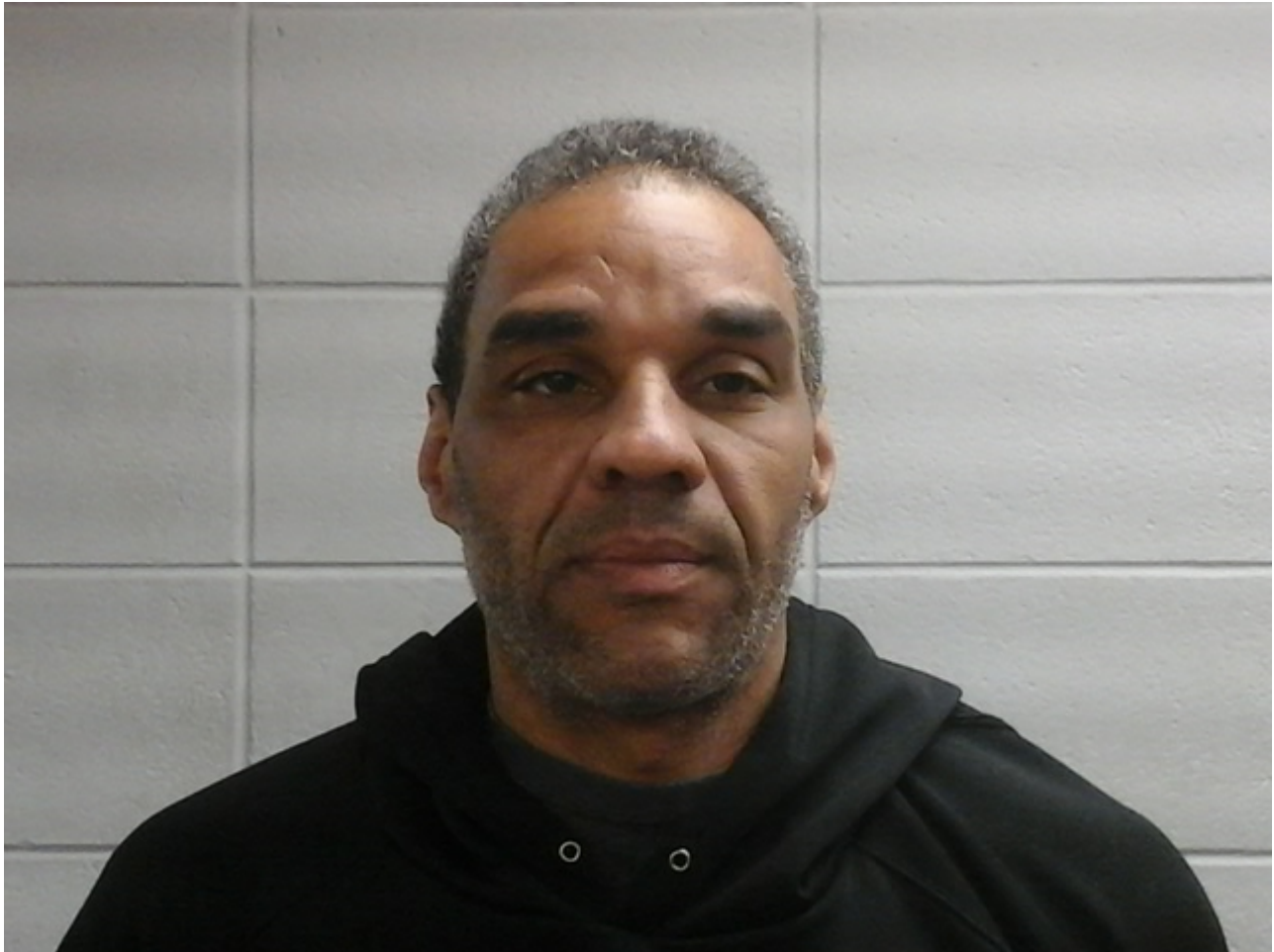
The arrested individuals were transported to the Wareham Police Department for booking and then to Wareham District Court.

The following individuals were arrested per outstanding arrest warrants:

1. Zachary Mulcahy, age 22 of Wareham, MA: Warrant issued in California (Burglary)



2. Brian Spinola, age 47 of Wareham, MA: 3 warrants – (1 Wareham Dist. / 2 Barnstable Dist.)



3. Alton McCane, age 38 of Onset, MA: 1 warrant – Wareham District Court



4. Matthew Sweeney, age 24 of Onset, MA: 4 warrants –  
(Barnstable District Court)



5. Bethany Parker, age 45 of Wareham , MA: 3 warrants – (2 Wareham Dist. /1 New Bedford)



6. Brandon Pratt, age 25 of Wareham, MA: 3 warrants – (Wareham District Court)





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## **New England Compounding Center Pharmacist Sentenced for Role in Nationwide Fungal Meningitis Outbreak**

The former supervisory pharmacist of New England Compounding Center (NECC) was sentenced Wednesday in connection with the 2012 nationwide fungal meningitis outbreak that killed 64 and caused infections in 793 patients.

Glenn Chin, 49, of Canton, Massachusetts, was sentenced by

U.S. District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns to eight years in prison, two years of supervised release, and forfeiture and restitution in an amount to be determined later. In October 2017, Chin was convicted by a federal jury in Boston of 77 counts, including racketeering, racketeering conspiracy, mail fraud and introduction of misbranded drugs into interstate commerce with the intent to defraud and mislead.

“Mr. Chin was a pharmacist, but again and again he acted with complete disregard for the health and safety of patients,” said United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling. “Mr. Chin will now be held responsible for producing contaminated drugs that killed dozens and grievously harmed over 750 people across the country. No patient should suffer harm at the hands of a medical professional, and we will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to combat fraud and abuse in the health care system.”

“A key aspect of the FDA’s mission is to ensure that drugs are made under high quality conditions so that no patient is at risk of harm due to poorly compounded products,” said FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, M.D. “In response to episodes where patients were harmed by poorly compounded drugs, Congress passed a new set of laws to improve the FDA’s oversight of these products. We’re committed to the efficient, timely and robust implementation of that framework to help make sure patients can trust the reliability and safety of compounded drugs, recognize the benefits of pharmacy compounding, and that we protect consumers from harm.”

“As a licensed pharmacist, Glenn Chin took an oath to protect his patients,” said Harold H. Shaw, Special Agent in Charge, FBI Boston Division. “In contrast, he failed miserably by cutting corners, ignoring warning signs, and harming hundreds of people with his reckless disregard for their safety. Dozens of unsuspecting patients died because of the tainted drugs that were distributed on his watch. Now, Mr. Chin is finally being held accountable for his role in one of the worst



pharmaceutical disasters in this country. The FBI hopes today's sentence will bring some comfort to the hundreds of victims and their families who have suffered so much."

In 2012, 753 patients in 20 states were diagnosed with a fungal infection after receiving injections of preservative-free methylprednisolone acetate (MPA) manufactured by NECC. Of those 753 patients, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that 64 patients in nine states died. The government has since identified a total of 793 patients throughout the country harmed by NECC's contaminated steroids.

Chin manufactured three lots of contaminated MPA, which comprised more than 17,000 vials of medication. In doing so, Chin ignored NECC's own drug formulation worksheets and standard operating procedures. Specifically, he improperly sterilized the MPA, failed to verify the sterilization process, and improperly tested it to ensure sterility. Despite knowing these deficiencies, Chin directed the MPA to be filled into thousands of vials and shipped to NECC customers nationwide. During the fungal meningitis outbreak, the CDC identified 18 different types of fungi from MPA vials and patient samples. In the words of one public health official, NECC was a "fungal zoo."

Chin directed the shipping of drugs prior to receiving test results confirming their sterility, and he directed NECC staff to mislabel drugs to conceal this practice. He also directed the compounding of drugs with expired ingredients, including chemotherapy drugs that had expired several years prior. Chin prioritized drug production over cleaning, directed the forging of cleaning logs, and routinely ignored mold and bacteria found inside the clean rooms. Lastly, for more than three years, Chin, along with co-conspirators, utilized a pharmacy technician whose license had been revoked by the Massachusetts Board of Pharmacy to compound highly sensitive cardiac drug solutions, and took steps to conceal the

technician's presence inside the clean room from state regulators.

"One of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service's (DCIS) priorities is to protect the integrity of TRICARE, the U.S. Defense Department's health care program," stated Special Agent in Charge Leigh-Alistair Barzey, DCIS Northeast Field Office. "Today's sentencing demonstrates DCIS' commitment to work with the USAO-MA, the FBI, the FDA-OCI and its other law enforcement partners, to identify, investigate and prosecute individuals who disregard pharmaceutical regulations and endanger the health and safety of U.S. military members, retirees and their families."

"The VA provides healthcare to those who have sacrificed so much for our country and fortunately no veterans receiving VA care were harmed by the fungal meningitis outbreak. However, it is appalling that NECC staff acted with such reckless disregard for patients by putting profits over safety," said Special Agent in Charge Sean J. Smith for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General. "The VA Office of Inspector General is honored to work with our partners in law enforcement on such an important investigation and assist in bringing those individuals who were responsible to justice."

"The sentence imposed today on Glenn Chin demonstrates the commitment of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and our law enforcement partners, to the safety and health of the American public," said Raymond Moss, Acting Inspector in Charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Boston Division. "Chin's actions as a supervising pharmacist jeopardized the health of many patients and we will continue to investigate and take action against those who take part in this type of egregious behavior."

U.S. Attorney Lelling, FDA Commissioner Gottlieb, M.D., FBI SAC Shaw, DCIS SAC Barzey, VA OIG SAC Smith, and Acting

Inspector in Charge of USPIIS Moss made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorneys George P. Varghese and Amanda P.M. Strachan of Lelling's Health Care Fraud Unit prosecuted the case.

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## Yes, Massachusetts has a move over law

Seems that too many drivers in Massachusetts don't know about or ignore the "move over law" that protects emergency vehicles on the side of highways. Drivers must make an attempt to move over or slow down if changing lanes isn't possible.

Here is the **text of the law**:

Section 7C: Lane change upon approaching a stationary emergency response vehicle, highway maintenance vehicle or recovery vehicle; penalty

Section 7C. (a) As used in this section the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

"Emergency response vehicle", a fire apparatus, police vehicle, ambulance, or disaster vehicle.

"Highway maintenance vehicle", a vehicle used for the maintenance of highways and roadways: (1) that is owned or operated by the executive office of transportation and public works, a county, a municipality or any political subdivision thereof; or (2) that is owned or operated by a person under contract with the executive office of transportation and public works, a county, a municipality or any political

subdivision thereof.

"Operator", any person who operates a motor vehicle as defined in section 1 of chapter 90.

"Person", a natural person, corporation, association, partnership or other legal entity.

"Recovery vehicle", a vehicle that is specifically designed to assist a disabled vehicle or to tow a disabled vehicle.

(b) Upon approaching a stationary emergency vehicle, highway maintenance vehicle or recovery vehicle with flashing lights an operator shall:

(1) proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle to that of a reasonable and safe speed for road conditions, and, if practicable and on a highway having at least 4 lanes with not less than 2 lanes proceeding in the same direction as the operator's vehicle, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the emergency response vehicle, highway maintenance vehicle or recovery vehicle; or

(2) if changing lanes is impracticable, proceed with due caution and reduce the speed of the vehicle to that of a reasonable and safe speed for road conditions.

(c) Violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.

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## **Worcester Man Pleads Guilty**

# to Fraud and Identity Theft

A Worcester man pleaded guilty this week in federal court in Worcester to fraud and identity theft charges arising from unlawfully using the identity of a disabled Medicare beneficiary for 17 years.

Jose Agosto, 51, pleaded guilty to four counts of wire fraud, four counts of misusing a Social Security number, three counts of making false statements relating to health care services, and five counts of aggravated identity theft. U.S. District Court Judge Timothy S. Hillman scheduled sentencing for April 25, 2018. Agosto was charged on Aug. 9, 2017, and has been in custody since.

Agosto admitted that he began living under the name of another individual in order to avoid the consequences of an arrest warrant, and that he used the victim's name and other personal identifying information to obtain replacement Social Security cards, driver's licenses and bank accounts. Agosto also admitted to seeking medical treatment under the victim's name and that doing so caused medical providers to submit more than \$148,000 in claims to Medicare, despite the fact that Agosto was not a Medicare beneficiary. In addition, Agosto executed promissory notes under the victim's name and then defaulted on those notes. Agosto acknowledged that by using the victim's identity, Agosto threatened the victim's continued receipt of Social Security and Medicare benefits as well as the victim's credit rating.

Furthermore, Agosto admitted to leaving threatening voice mails in an effort to intimidate the victim and his family. In these voice mails, Agosto threatened to kill various members of the victim's family and warned of a "massacre." One such statement made by Agosto was: "I'm going to start killing all of your family one-by-one. I'll start killing your mother, I'll kill your sister, and then the last one's going to be

you.”

Each wire fraud count provides for a sentence of no greater than 20 years in prison, up to three years of supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000. The charges of Social Security fraud and making false statements provide for a sentence of no greater than five years in prison, up to three years of supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000. The charge of aggravated identity theft provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of two years in prison, up to three years 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; Scott Antolik, Special Agent in Charge of the Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General, Office of Investigations, Boston Field Division; Philip Coyne, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General, Office of Investigations; and Christina Scaringi, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of the Inspector General, Northeast Regional Office, made the announcement today. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General, and the Massachusetts Bureau of Special Investigations provided assistance with the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Abely of Lelling’s Worcester Branch Office is prosecuting the case.

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## **Massachusetts Woman Indicted**

# **for Stealing \$325,000 in Social Security and Veterans Benefits**

A Leominster woman was arrested Wednesday and charged in federal court in Boston for theft of Social Security and Veterans Affairs benefits.

Joyce Progin, 70, was indicted on two counts of theft of public funds. Progin was released after appearing before U.S. District Court Chief Magistrate Judge David H. Hennessy Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

According to the indictment unsealed Wednesday, from November 2009 through March 2017, Progin stole approximately \$55,267 in Social Security benefits, and from November 2009 through November 2017, she stole approximately \$269,978 in benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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.

The details contained in the indictment are allegations. The

defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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## **Guatemalan National Pleads Guilty to Failure to Register as a Sex Offender and Illegal Reentry After Deportation**

A Guatemalan national pleaded guilty today in federal court in Boston to failing to register as a sex offender and to illegally reentering the United States after being deported.

Jary Vincente Valenzuela, 27, a Guatemalan national formerly residing on Nantucket, pleaded guilty to one count of failing to register as a sex offender and one count of unlawful reentry of a deported alien. U.S. District Court Judge Indira Talwani scheduled sentencing for March 27, 2018.

On July 16, 2012, Valenzuela was found guilty in state court of rape of a child – a 14-year-old – and sentenced to 18 months in prison. As a result of his conviction, Valenzuela was classified as a Level 1 sex offender and is required to register as such. Upon release from his state sentence, Valenzuela was taken into immigration custody and processed for deportation to Guatemala. On Aug. 8, 2013, Valenzuela was deported.

In June 2017, law enforcement learned that Valenzuela had re-entered the United States and was living on Nantucket. Law enforcement confirmed with the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board that Valenzuela had a legal obligation to



register as a sex offender and had not done so since illegally returning to the United States. On July 25, 2017, law enforcement arrested Valenzuela.

The charge of illegal reentry of a deported alien provides for a sentence of no greater than 20 years in prison, up to three years of supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000. The charge of failure to register as a sex offender provides for a sentence of no greater than 10 years in prison, up to a lifetime of supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000. Valenzuela will be subject to deportation upon completion of his sentence. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based on the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Michael Shea, Acting Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Boston; and John Gibbons, United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts, made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney David G. Tobin of Lelling's Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case.