

Juvenile charged for 2017 threats against Wareham High and Middle School complex

As the result of a several months long investigation by the Wareham Police Department Detective Division, the criminal charge of (Communicating) a Threat with Serious Public Alarm with regard to an incident that occurred in Wareham on July 10th, 2017 during a summer session of the Wareham School Department, specifically targeted toward students and faculty at Wareham High School and Middle School.

On July 10, 2017, Wareham Police Department officers and detectives, assisted by Wareham Fire Department personnel, school officials, and several law enforcement agencies, including the Mass. State Police and SEMLEC SWAT personnel responded to the Wareham High School and Middle School complex when an anonymous email received during the morning hours of the summer school/camps activities communicated a threat involving the use of a weapon to cause great harm. The incident was addressed with all precautionary measures in mind to preserve the safety of the children and staff attending the school session, as well as the safety of all responding personnel. Thankfully, the threat incident proved to be unfounded, and everyone involved, especially children of all ages, were safe and reunited with their family members.

Since the time of the incident, Wareham PD detectives have conducted exhaustive investigation of this matter, which resulted in the criminal charge being filed at Wareham District Court, and a complaint issued by the Juvenile Court Clerk. The matter is scheduled for arraignment procedures in the Juvenile Session at Wareham District Court on Wednesday, January 24th.

Chief Kevin Walsh said, "I am proud of the efforts of the detectives involved in this case, whose relentless and diligent investigation clearly shows that Wareham PD did not rest until all measures were taken and probable cause to file a criminal charge was attained. I also hope that our citizens, including our youth, realize the seriousness with which the Wareham Police Department and Wareham School Department address this type of matter."

Smoking cause of New Bedford Tinkham Road fatal fire

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey, New Bedford Fire Chief Michal C. Gomes, and New Bedford Police Chief Joseph C. Cordeiro said the cause of the **January 17, 2018 fatal fire at 282 Tinkham Road**, New Bedford was the improper use or disposal of smoking materials.

The victim, identified by the Office of the District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III as 56-year old Agnes Leite, was rescued by the fire department. Paramedics administered a cyanide antidote to Ms. Leite and were able to resuscitate her, but she died later at the hospital. Cyanide is one of the toxic, deadly gases produced when household furnishings burn.

Chief Gomes said, "I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of Ms. Leite."

The fire started on a mattress in a second floor bedroom where the victim was found. She was known to roll her own cigarettes, which are not required to be fire resistant as commercially produced cigarettes are. All cigarettes sold in Massachusetts must be "Fire Standard Compliant" and resist

ignition when not being actively smoked.

The fire was jointly investigated by members of the New Bedford Fire and Police Departments and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Smoking caused fatal fires in December in Abington and Springfield and is a possible cause in other 2018 fire deaths. Smoking was the cause of a major apartment fire in Rutland on January 12 that displaced 50 people. State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said, "If your New Year's resolution was to try to quit smoking, now's a good time to quit again. Many people aren't successful the first few times." The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has a Smoker's Helpline 1-800-QUIT-NOW. Talk to a quit coach today, or ask your doctor about the many ways they can help you.

Vendors sought for summertime Huttleston Marketplace in Fairhaven

Local artists, crafters, dealers of antiques and vintage collectibles, and local food producers will have a new place to display their products for sale in Fairhaven this summer at the Huttleston Marketplace, to be held on Saturdays on the lawn of the town's Visitors Center. From mid-June and until Labor Day weekend, the marketplace will have vendor spaces available in an attractive and convenient setting at Route 6 and Main Street, next to Fairhaven High School.

"This is intended to be a vibrant little crafts and vintage collectibles fair that happens every week on Saturdays from

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.," say Fairhaven tourism director Chris Richard, who is organizing the market. "It will provide very affordable space for crafters, artists, and other compatible merchants to set up shop, so to speak. Vendors can sign up for a single week, several weeks, or for the entire twelve-week season. Besides arts and crafts, antiques and collectible, I hope to see some fresh produce, plants, prepared foods, and maybe even a little bit of live entertainment."

Guidelines for vendors have been created to help insure the quality of the products sold. Crafts must be hand made in New England. Imprinted clothing such as T-shirts that are not handmade, must have images created by the sellers that have local significance. Antique and vintage items must be of a certain age and condition and have collectible value. Food products must be made locally.

"The public coming here each week will see select, unique things for sale. There won't be any new mass-manufactured goods, multi-level marketing products, or garage and rummage sale items," says Mr. Richard. "Shoppers will be supporting creative artisans from our own region."

Application forms and guidelines for vendors are available now and can be downloaded from the Fairhaven Office of Tourism website at <http://fairhaventours.com/huttleston-marketplace>. For additional information about the Huttleston Marketplace, you can email Chris Richard at FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov or call 508-979-4085.

New Bedford cold weather

overflow shelter open tonight, Jan. 19

Due to the expected low wind chill for this evening (21 degrees) the overflow will be opened again tonight. All inquiries can be forwarded to Sister Rose House and 1-800-homeless.

Massachusetts State Police warn of phone scam

Numerous members of the public have reported to State Police that they received hoax telephone calls yesterday that showed the phone number of the calls' origin to be the number of the State Police Middleborough Barracks, 508-947-2222.

When the call recipients answered, they were told to hold for an officer regarding a complaint or charges that had been issued against them. The "officer" then told the call recipients they needed to pay a fine of several thousand dollars or face a lawsuit to resolve the matter.

The calls are hoaxes. Anyone receiving calls like these, or calls of any similar nature, should immediately hang up. Never go anywhere or provide any personal information or money as a result of an unsolicited, unexpected, or suspicious phone call. Please be aware that no police department will ever call someone to tell them there is a warrant or complaint against them, and no police department will ever ask for any amount of money to be turned over to it.

Mass. State Police Recruit Troop Raises More than \$10K for Cops For Kids With Cancer

Trainees of the Massachusetts State Police 83rd Recruit Training Troop, who will graduate from the State Police Academy next week and become MSP Troopers, have raised \$10,355 for Cops For Kids With Cancer. The class made a ceremonial check presentation on Thursday.

Accepting the check on behalf of Cops for Kids With Cancer, which provides financial support to families of children receiving cancer treatment, were Canton Police Deputy Chief Helena Rafferty, the organization's president, and State Police Detective Lieutenant William Coulter, chairman of the group's Board of Directors.

Fundraising for the Cops for Kids charity is not the only act of service the trainees have performed during the six months they have spent in New Braintree preparing to become MSP Troopers. They fanned out across the state on the day before Thanksgiving to perform a wide range of community service duties, and also collected donations for the Toys for Tots Program in December.

Joining the Recruit Training Troop for this morning's check presentation were Colonel Kerry Gilpin, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; Lieutenant Colonel Barry O'Brien, Deputy Superintendent of Department; Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Grenham, Commander of the Division of Standards and Training, Major Matthew Roy, Deputy Commander of the Division of Standards and Training; Captain Michael Lyver, Academy

Commandant, and other Division and Academy staff members.

More information about the important work done by Cops For Kids With Cancer may be found at <https://copsforkidswithcancer.org/>.

State Police Investigating Serious Crash on Route 24 in Avon

The Massachusetts State Police are investigating a serious crash on Route 24 northbound at Harrison Boulevard in Avon involving two vehicles, one of which struck a utility pole. One victim has suffered serious injuries.

There are downed power lines on the roadway as a result of the pole being struck. Route 24 northbound is currently closed at Exit 18. It is expected to be reopened shortly.

The crash occurred shortly after 2 AM. An occupant of one of the vehicles, a woman approximately age 23, was ejected in the crash and has been transported to Massachusetts General Hospital by medical helicopter with serious injuries. She is believed to have been the passenger. A second occupant of the same vehicle, a woman believed to have been driving, was transported by ground ambulance to Good Samaritan Hospital in Brockton.

Preliminary investigation suggests that following an impact with another car, the vehicle that those victims were in continued to travel off the road, where it struck trees and the utility pole.

The operator of the second car, a man, was transported by ground ambulance to an area hospital.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation by Troop H of the Massachusetts State Police with assistance from the MSP Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section and the MSP Crime Scene Services Section. The results of the investigation will determine whether charges are sought against anyone involved.

A utility company crew also responded to the scene to remove the active power lines from the roadway.

Troopers from Troop D have been diverting traffic off Route 24 northbound in Brockton, south of the crash scene.

Faces Of New Bedford #138: Kathlyn Dias

Meet Kathlyn Dias, 26-year-old Model, Content Creator, and Social Media Influencer.



Kathlyn was born in New Bedford to two Cape Verdean parents,

who migrated to New Bedford to create a better life for their family. After high school, Kathlyn attended UMass Dartmouth for one year and didn't return as she wasn't sure what she wanted to do for a career at that point in her life.

She had always dreamt of becoming a model and in magazines, so she began building a following on social media platforms, using Youtube to review different make-up that she uses and offering tutorial videos. With the push from her now husband, Sean, they began taking her journey seriously, submitting her content to several large beauty companies annual contests. In 2017, she won every contest she submitted her work to and this opened the door for her to work with companies such as Palmers, Maybeline, Covergirl, MAC Cosmetics, and Elf Cosmetics.

Using her reach on Instagram, where she has over 120,000 followers, she works with many brands to promote their products and allow herself to be a stay at home mom to her two children, working with her husband to create all of the content they use for promotion. She hopes that she can inspire the youth from our city to never give up on their dreams.

"Seek God first and find your purpose. Don't let anything hold you back and when you find the thing that fulfills you, don't get caught up in the things that don't matter, but chase your dreams."

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 police officer Nathan Pimental helps rescue 6 people from burning building

From the City of New Bedford Police Department:

“We are proud of our New Bedford Police Officer Nathan Pimentel, who rescued six people from a burning building at 282 Tinkham St. early Wednesday. He also helped to alert the fire department to a 56-year-old woman who was found in her second floor apartment, unresponsive.

Officer Pimentel was the first to arrive on the scene. He was immediately able to evacuate three males from the second floor, as well as three females from the first floor prior to the fire department’s arrival.

After removing these individuals, he was then informed that a female may still be inside the second floor apartment in a bedroom, which seemed to be where the fire had originated. His efforts started a chain of heroic events that displayed great teamwork among city law enforcement, fire and emergency medical teams.

The woman had no pulse when she was removed from the building by the fire department. She was revived by emergency medical personnel and transported to St. Luke’s Hospital and then to Rhode Island Hospital.

Sadly, she did not survive. But everyone made heroic efforts to give her every chance. And Officer Pimental’s rescue of the

residents represents the department’s commitment to public service and safety.”

Great job by NBPD, NBFD and EMS!

15 Things To Do This Weekend (Jan. 19-Jan. 21)

This past month we have seen some serious swings in the weather – from double digit negative temperatures and lots of snow to the mid-50s and lots of sunshine. This weekend we’ll have some cold nights and mornings – in the mid to upper 20s – combined with some rather sunny, warm days with temperatures on the mid-40s. For many that means they can break out their shorts.

<div>FRIDAY JAN 19</div> <div></div> <div>35°/26°</div> <div>Partly sunny</div>	<div>SATURDAY JAN 20</div> <div></div> <div>44°/28°</div> <div>Breezy with partial sunshine</div>	<div>SUNDAY JAN 21</div> <div></div> <div>42°/28°</div> <div>Some sun</div>
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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, January 19th

Winter Warmer "Wine & Dine" (10:00am-9:00pm)

Warm up your winter with wine + dine specials at Brix Restaurant. Enjoy HALF PRICE bottles of Newport Vineyard wine with the purchase of an entrée Tuesday – Friday, excludes Brut Sparkling, dessert wines and guest wines, limit two bottles per table. Newport Vineyards was originally planted in 1977 on a hill overlooking Rhode Island Sound with the goal of producing fine wines and as a way of preserving beautiful agricultural land from rapid development. Aquidneck Island is blessed with one of the most desirable farming areas in the country, if not the world. Newport Vineyards, 909 East Main Rd. (Route 138), Middletown, RI.



Fun for a cause!

Weekend of Women (12:00pm-8:00pm)

In honor of the first anniversary of the historic Women's Marches, including the Boston Women's March for America, Massachusetts is proud to contribute a weekend of women-led activism and education. Please join us for the #WeekendOfWomen!

March Forward Massachusetts, the organizers of the 2017 Boston Women's March for America, is coordinating a series of events across Massachusetts to deepen our solidarity, inject fuel and energy for our 2018 agenda, and to demonstrate that we are a movement of impact and action. Mark yourself as attending to keep up to date with events taking place near you, or reach out to kcosmas@marchforwardmass.org to learn more and lead. Click event title for full details and sites across the state.

Hockey Night Fundraiser (7:00pm-10:00pm)

Join us in another family fun evening at the Dunk for a Providence Bruins game!!! We have a great time at the last one we are doing another one!! Thank You for your support. Fall River Fire Museum, 1181 N Main St., Fall River, MA.

Loose Screws Returns! – Live in the Vault (9:30pm)

Dartmouth based band – “a bunch of Wild and Crazy kids Rockin Out!” Greasy Luck Brewpub, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford.

Saturday, January 20th

Women's Forum & PerSisterhood Luncheon (10:00am-1:00pm)

Join us for a curated discussion on Southcoast Women's Issues including misogyny in the workplace, biased local media, public safety and more. Please RSVP using the google form. Lunch will be served. Part of the Weekend of Women 2018. Open to Female and non-binary individuals. Men who wish to participate should join the march at 2pm and activism meetup at 3pm following this event. Free to attend. Bristol Community College, 800 Purchase St., New Bedford.



Women's March New

Bedford 2018!

South Shore Wine & Food Expo (1:00pm-8:03pm)

Chef cooking and sampling paired foods and more! The 2018 South Shore Food & Wine Expo is ready to amaze you! Read on to find out more about what you can see and do at this year's show. Tickets sell out – these also make great holiday gifts so plan ahead and buy early. Featuring more wineries pouring hundreds of wines on both floors combined and unlike other Expos food is INCLUDED in your ticket price for the Grand Tasting. This is the perfect place to learn about your favorite wines and food or to make new discoveries. What do I get for my admission?

Ability to taste as many wines as you would like as well as food samples from some great New England Chefs, area restaurants as well as a chocolate and cheese area. Access to some of the latest and greatest products on Vendor Row. Plymouth – Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street, Plymouth.

Women's March New Bedford (2:00pm-3:00pm)

Anniversary of the Women's March in downtown New Bedford, MA. Starting at Custom House Square. Open to all! Children and families welcome. Come with your group and bring a sign! Singers include Miss New Bedford 2017 Sara Achorn and Showstoppers Performing Arts, Inc. Speakers include U.S. Representative Bill Keating and Poet Laureate Patricia Gomes.

Statement of March Values: In all areas, ATMA and all March affiliates stand for equal rights, religious tolerance, freedom of the press, science, inclusivity, social justice, economic freedom, and fundamental human decency. Custom House Square, 21 Barkers Lane, New Bedford.

New Bedford Watercolor Drawings- works by Carl Simmons (5:00pm-8:00pm)

We are excited to announce Groundwork's first exhibition of 2018, "New New Bedford Watercolor Drawings"- recent works on

paper by Carl Simmons. Carl creates colorful grotesque portraits inspired by his passion for the preservation of local history coupled with an interest in the inevitable decay of matter and information. We hope you can join us to celebrate at the Opening Reception, Saturday, January 20th from 5-8pm, snacks, drinks and music from Carl's record collection provided! Exhibition dates: 1/20/18- 2/28/18. Groundwork, 1213 Purchase St., New Bedford.



*Mass Attack Roller Derby
"Meet & Greet"!*

Ken Richards – Pub Side Acoustic (6:00pm-9:00pm)

Ken Richards solo acoustic on the pub side. Greasy Luck Brewpub, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford.

Mass Attack Roller Derby "Meet & Greet" (6:00pm-9:00pm)

Mass Attack Roller Derby will be hosting their first Meet & Greet of the 2018 year and we want YOU to lace up and join the pack. Have you had an interest in roller derby and wondered how you can get involved? Are you looking for a way to incite challenge and change into your new year? Our Meet & Greets are a great, low-key time to meet the skaters and officials of Mass Attack Roller Derby. Come ask questions and learn what it takes to be a new rookie skater, or official!

Hang out and get a preview of life with our league! Admission to open skate is \$10 and skate rental is \$3, charged by Carousel Family Fun Center. Skate, chat, and have a good time with us! If you have your own skates, bring them! Our open recruiting night is Monday 1/22/18, also held at Carousel

Family Fun Center, 4 David Drown Blvd. Fairhaven MA. This night is a more formal orientation into the league and information on that can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/145790885984919/>.

Sunday, January 21st

SouthCoast Flea Market (9:00am-4:00pm)

Bring yourself, bring a friend; come on down Sundays 9AM – 4PM. Fill your stomach at the snack bar and leave with a bag filled with antiques to nick-knacks. Indoor flea market for just \$.50 per person and children under 12 are free. Street and parking lot parking. SouthCoast Flea Market, 251 Brook Street, New Bedford.

2018 Health & Fitness Expo (11:00am-4:00pm)

Help kickoff your New Year's Resolution by learning more about health & fitness! There will be performances by The Dancer Edge and Tai Chi by David Chosid. FREE 30 minute group classes directed by local trainers/ instructors. There will be numerous vendors selling organic and natural products, healthier cleaning options and much much more!



2018 Health & Fitness Expo

Make sure to check out our raffle tables with many donations from businesses within the community. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Greater New Bedford Voc Tech's athletic

Department! Sponsored by The Dancer's Edge & I've Got Rhythm Dance Studios, The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center and Natural Beauty By Sara. Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School, 1121 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford.

Rock the Coats Fundraiser! (1:00pm-8:00pm)

come out to Greasy Luck Brewpub on Sunday Jan 21 from 1pm – 8pm to support a great cause and enjoy a day full of great music in our First Annual Rock the Coats Fundraiser sponsored by Attorney Richard Bennett, The Music Box, and Greasy Luck Brewpub. Entry is ONE of either a \$10 donation OR new/slightly used coats/boots OR canned/dry good OR pet food. All proceeds benefit the Veteran's Transition House, New Bedford Women's Center, and Lighthouse Animal Shelter.

Amazing musical lineup throughout the day, featuring: 2016 Boston Music Awards Winner "The Devil's Twins" along with: Cook Bag, J. Kelley Band, The McGunks, The Pourmen, Salem Wolves, The Varsity Club. Greasy Luck Brewpub, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford.

Yamato Drummers at the Z (4:00pm)

amed for 'the land of Yamato," the birthplace of Japanese culture, the Yamato Drummers travel all over the world with Japan's traditional Wadaiko drums, putting their very souls into the unusual instruments. These sounds evoke what the Japanese call "Tamashy," translated as soul, spirit, and psyche – the basic elements of life. It is something that is invisible and intangible, but whose existence is certainly felt. Don't miss the opportunity to experience this pulse for yourself, as it is known to resonate within all bodies gathered at any given performance.

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