

# **Ceremony to honor New Bedford police promotions, outstanding service**

New Bedford Police will host a promotional and award ceremony at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19 at Keith Middle School to honor the promotions of Sgt. Justin Kagan to Lieutenant and Officer Michael Cassidy to Sergeant and to honor Officer Jeremy DeMello for his outstanding accomplishments within and outside the department.

Sgt. Kagan is a 13-year veteran of the force. He began his career with the New Bedford Police Department in 2005 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2012.

Officer Cassidy is a 24-year veteran of the force.

Officer DeMello is a 12-year veteran of the force.

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## **Victoria Kalisz Named Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen 2018**

Ten outstanding teens competed in the 8th annual Miss New Bedford's Outstanding Teen pageant, but only one walked away with the crown, hundreds of dollars in scholarship prizes, gifts, entry to the state pageant, and the year of a lifetime.

Victoria Kalisz, a 16-year-old sophomore at Fairhaven High School, impressed the judges with her confidence, public

speaking abilities, stage presence, poise, and talent – singing a jazzy rendition of California Dreamin’.



In addition to winning the title and a \$500 scholarship, Victoria also received the Interview Award, a \$100 scholarship, for earning the highest points in the interview competition. She also received the Fine Arts Award winning an additional \$100 scholarship. Victoria also received gifts from community partners, and paid entry into the Miss Massachusetts’ Outstanding Teen pageant in April where she will compete for additional scholarships and prizes.

Throughout her year-long reign, Victoria will serve the City of New Bedford and its surrounding communities as a youth role

model and active volunteer. She will dedicate her year of service to her personally selected platform, "Rise Up; Rise In Spite of Everything" which emphasizes strength and persistence as a foundation for success. Victoria hopes to share her personal story of battling and overcoming challenging health issues, and the strength and drive she developed as a result.

The pageant is a "little sister" program to the annual Miss New Bedford scholarship pageant. Contestants began the competition, held at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School on Saturday January 13th, in a private interview with a panel of five judges. At 6:00, the on-stage competition continued with the remaining phases of competition: Lifestyle & Physical Fitness, Talent, Evening Wear and On-Stage Question.

Additional award recipients included:

- Winner and recipient of a \$500 scholarship was Victoria Kalisz. She also received the Interview Award (\$100 scholarship) and the Fine Arts Award (\$100 scholarship) as stated above.**
- First runner-up, \$250 scholarship: Alexandra Soares**
- Second runner-up, \$200 scholarship: Emma Boudreau**
- Third runner-up, \$150 scholarship: Rachel Perry**
- Fourth runner-up, \$100 scholarship: Victoria Fernandes**
- Talent Award, \$50 scholarship: Alexandra Soares**
- Scholastic Achievement Award, \$50 scholarship: Rachel Perry**
- Spirit of Outstanding Teen, \$100 scholarship: Rachel Perry**
- Community Service Award, \$50 scholarship: Rachel Perry**
- Athletic and Academic Award, \$100 scholarship: Rachel Perry**
- Miracle Maker Award: Emma Boudreau**

On behalf of the Greater New Bedford Scholarship Foundation, the program would like to thank its many sponsors and dedicated volunteers. For more information on sponsorships and/or becoming a contestant, visit [www.missnewbedford.org](http://www.missnewbedford.org). To view all photos from this year's pageant, and to keep up with

us throughout the year, search “Miss New Bedford” on Facebook.

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## **New Bedford’s alleged serial upskirter David Wong arrested again**

The man that the Yarmouth Police Department arrested in August 2017 for sexual crimes involving ‘upskirting’ has been arrested again and is in custody.

Working diligently and painstakingly since his original arrest, the Yarmouth Police Department Detective Division has obtained several search warrants and seized multiple computers and other electronic devices.

The ongoing investigation revealed numerous other incidents of upskirting and other secret recordings in several other communities including Falmouth and in Rhode Island apparently tied in to him working as a self-employed cleaner cleaning at various homes and businesses all over southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Yarmouth Police Detectives and Proactive Anti-Crime Unit Officers working closely with Falmouth Police Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect.

On Friday, January 5, 2018, the suspect –who was out on bail pending trial from our previous charges–was tracked down and arrested again by members of the Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section in New Bedford.

The suspect was transported to Yarmouth Police Department Headquarters and he refused to cooperate and speak to Police

Officers.

The suspect was subsequently transferred to the Falmouth District Court and arraigned on the new sex crime charges in Falmouth District Court.

The suspect is currently in custody in the Barnstable County Correctional Facility in Bourne on \$10,000 cash bail.

The case remains active and ongoing and additional charges are expected.

Mr. Wong had been hired to clean hundreds of homes and businesses throughout Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

If you believe you may be a victim of Mr. Wong, please contact Yarmouth Police Department lead investigator Eric H. Nuss immediately at [enuss@yarmouth.ma.us](mailto:enuss@yarmouth.ma.us)

Refer To Arrest: 18-20-AR

Arrest: DAVID ANTHONY WONG

Address: 79 BEDFORD Apt. #3 NEW BEDFORD, MA

Age: 50

Charges: WARRANT

The Yarmouth Police Department again commends Yarmouth Police Department lead investigator Detective Eric Nuss, Proactive Anti-Crime Unit Officer Christopher Van Ness, Trooper Mike Turgeon of the MSP VFAS Team, New Bedford PD, and the Falmouth Police Department who worked diligently and tirelessly together in making this subsequent and important public safety arrest.

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# Maestro Yaniv Dinur's secret: Heavy metal?

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra's Maestro Yaniv Dinur stars in this fun video.

Upcoming concerts at [zeiterion.org](http://zeiterion.org)

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## The LGBTQ Voice – “T” in LGBTQ

On last week's The LGBTQ Voice episode, Dan asked the youth and elders if they struggle with the “T” in LGBT.

Watch the full episode here:  
<https://www.newbedfordguide.com/the-lgbtq-voice-show-episode-2-youth-and-elders/2018/01/14>

Catch The LGBTQ Voice on New Bedford Guide's Facebook page every Tuesday at 7pm.

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## The LGBTQ Voice – What can

# **New Bedford do better for the LGBTQ community?**

On last week's The LGBTQ Voice episode, Dan asked if New Bedford is doing enough for the LGBTQ community.

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## **Springfield Man Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison for Possession of Child Pornography**

A Springfield man was sentenced today to 10 years in prison for possession of child pornography. The defendant faced a mandatory minimum sentence due to a prior state conviction for statutory rape.

Alex Germaine, 30, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Mark G. Mastroianni to 10 years in prison and 10 years of supervised release. In September 2017, Germaine pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography.

After Germaine accessed a Russian child pornography website, law enforcement executed a search warrant on July 29, 2016,

and seized Germaine's cell phone, which revealed multiple images of child pornography, including one involving a sex act perpetrated by an adult male against a prepubescent female. A subsequent search warrant was executed on Nov. 10, 2016, at Germaine's residence in Springfield, where law enforcement seized computer discs containing child pornography.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Michael Shea, Acting Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Boston; Harold H. Shaw, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Field Division; and West Springfield Police Chief Ronald Campurciani made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex J. Grant of Lelling's Springfield Branch Office prosecuted the case.

The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In 2006, the Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from exploitation and abuse. Led by the 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, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov/](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/).

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## **2018 New Bedford City Council Committee Assignments**

- COUNCILLOR LINDA M. MORAD, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
- COUNCILLOR JOSEPH P. LOPES, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
- COUNCILLOR BRIAN K. GOMES, SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT



## **STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

- APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS: Councillors COELHO, Chair; MORAD, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey and Rebeiro
- CITY PROPERTY: Councillors CARNEY, Chair; LOPES, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Rebeiro
- FINANCE: Councillors LOPES, Chair; ABREU, Vice-Chair; Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Rebeiro
- INTERNAL AFFAIRS: Councillors GOMES, Chair; REBEIRO, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Coelho and Markey
- LABOR & INDUSTRY: Councillors DUNN, Chair; ABREU, Vice-Chair; Carney, Lima and Lopes
- ORDINANCES: Councillors DUNN, Chair; REBEIRO, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Carney, Coelho, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad
- PUBLIC SAFETY & NEIGHBORHOODS: Councillors GOMES, Chair; COELHO, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Lima, Lopes, Markey, Morad and Rebeiro
- VETERANS AFFAIRS, ELDERLY, YOUTH, HEALTH & HOUSING & DISABILITY ISSUES: Councillors GIESTA, Chair; DUNN, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Coelho and Lima
- AUDIT: Councillors LIMA, Chair; LOPES, Vice-Chair; Dunn, Gomes and Morad
- FISHERIES: Councillors REBEIRO, Chair; LIMA, Vice-Chair; Dunn, Giesta and Lopes

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- THE AIRPORT: Councillors MARKEY, Chair; GOMES, Vice-Chair; Carney, Giesta and Morad
- ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS: Councillors REBEIRO, Chair; DUNN, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Carney, Coelho, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad
- MEMORIALS & DEDICATIONS: Councillors ABREU, Chair; CARNEY, Vice-Chair; Coelho, Markey and Rebeiro
- BUDGET REVIEW: Councillors LOPES, Chair; MARKEY, Vice-Chair;

Abreu, Giesta and Lima

- DOG PARK (Feasibility of Creating A): Councillors CARNEY, Chair; COELHO, Vice-Chair; Emanuel Maciel, Director, Animal Control; Local Veterinarian; Greater New Bedford –
  - Coalition for Animals Member; Two (2) New Bedford Residents
  - LICENSING AND ZONING FOR CANNABIS: Councillors ABREU, Chair; GIESTA, Vice-Chair; Carney, Gomes and Rebeiro
  - TRAFFIC COMMISSION: Councillors Gomes and Markey
  - ENERGY RESOURCE COMMISSION: Councillor Carney
  - SCHOOL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE: Councillor Rebeiro
  - SIGN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD: Councillor Lopes
  - MAYOR’S YOUTH COUNCIL: Councillor Rebeiro
  - WATER BOARD: Councillor Carney
  - TIF BOARD: Councillors Lopes & Morad
  - CONDOMINIUM REVIEW BOARD: Councillor Rebeiro
  - EXHIBITION HALL COMMITTEE: Councillor Coelho
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## **Dominican National sentenced to 12 years for distributing Fentanyl and over 1 kilo of heroin**

A Dominican national, who led a large-scale heroin and fentanyl trafficking organization in southeastern Massachusetts, was sentenced yesterday in federal court in Boston.

Dedwin Cruz-Rivera, 41, a Dominican national residing in Fall River, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge George A. O’Toole Jr. to 12 years in prison and five years of supervised

release. Cruz-Rivera will be subject to deportation upon completion of his sentence. In July 2017, Cruz-Rivera pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin and 40 grams or more of fentanyl.

In October 2015, Cruz-Rivera was arrested and charged, along with 24 others, for leading a heroin and fentanyl trafficking organization in southeastern Massachusetts. Cruz-Rivera obtained large quantities of heroin and fentanyl from local drug suppliers, including his brother Manuel Romero-Gonzalez, and Eric Matos, who distributed in and around Fall River and Providence, R.I. Cruz-Rivera used co-defendant Cristian Sostre as a courier and stash house operator in order to decrease the likelihood that he would be detected by law enforcement. During the course of their investigation, federal agents seized 295 grams of fentanyl that were en route to Cruz-Rivera.

An April 2016 superseding indictment brought the total number of defendants charged in the case to 26. All of the 26 defendants charged in the case have pleaded guilty, and 23 have been sentenced, including Romero-Gonzalez and Matos, who are serving 66 months and 121 months in federal prison, respectively.

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## **HELP WANTED: City of New Bedford is seeking to fill a Mason vacancy**

**PAY: \$17.16hr – \$23.82hr**

Performs work involved in the construction and repair of structures made of brick, stone, concrete blocks and tiles such as wall, floors and other structural projects. Performs masonry repairs and brickwork, pours new concrete sidewalks and installs blue stone (and is able to pour foundations.)

Thorough knowledge in laying bricks, stone, concrete blocks and tiles in construction, alteration or repair of walls, floors, passageways or other structures. Constructs and repairs brick work in sewers, catch basins and manholes. Lays and sets cut stone. Performs all phases of cement work.

High school graduate or GED equivalent preferred. Possession of a valid Massachusetts driver's license and good driving record.

Requires two years' paid experience in masonry trade. Knowledge of equipment, materials and supplies used in masonry work, and equipment and supplies used to do minor repairs. Skills in operation of listed tools and equipment. Ability to work independently and complete daily activities according to work schedule. Ability to lift heavy objects, walk and stand for long periods of time and perform strenuous physical labor under adverse field conditions; ability to communicate orally and in writing; ability to understand, follow and transmit written and oral instructions; ability to establish effective working relationships with employees, supervisors and the public.

For application/complete job description, please visit [www.newbedford-ma.gov](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov) or contact the Personnel Dept., 133 William St., Room 212, 508-979-1444. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found. EE0

New Bedford has a residency requirement.