

# Dartmouth man arrested for liquor store break, suspect has lengthy record

Quick work by the New Bedford Police Department led to the arrest of a Dartmouth man early Tuesday, moments after he smashed the front window of Barry's Liquors, 573 Mill St. with a brick and stole items from the store.

Police responded to a call at that location at about 12:15 a.m. for a break in progress. Police searched the area and found the suspect in a yard on Lake Street with items that linked him to the break.

Erik Silvia, 39, of 19 Howard St., North Dartmouth, was arrested on charges of breaking and entering in the nighttime for a felony, vandalizing property, larceny from a building and trespassing.

Silvia has an extensive criminal record. He was sentenced to 30 days in the house of correction in 2010 for assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

He was found guilty in 1997 of operating under the influence of alcohol and was sentenced to serve six months in the house of correction.

He was sentenced in 1996 to serve 59 days in the house of correction for breaking and entering in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony, minor transporting alcohol, malicious destruction of property and breaking and entering in the nighttime. He was originally given a suspended sentence on that charge but violated probation and was sentenced to serve 59 days.

He was sentenced in 1995 to serve 59 days in the house of

correction for breaking and entering in the nighttime.

Cash bail for the Dec. 19 charge was set at \$500. He did not make bail and is being held at the Dartmouth House of Correction.

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## **New Bedford Emergency Overflow Shelter Open Tonight, Dec. 20**

Due to the expected temperature drop for this evening, the overflow will be opened tonight. By 7pm tonight it will feel like 24 degrees. Guests should plan to arrive early as the overflow has been at capacity many times already this season. All inquiries can be forwarded to Sister Rose House and 1-800-homeless.

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## **New Bedford family seeks missing at-risk teen**

**Name:** Trin Kiefer

**DOB:** 12-15-00

**MISSING SINCE:** 12-18-17

**RAN FROM:** NB District Court

**Contact:** STEVENS TREATMENT PROGRAM – 24 MAIN ST , SWANSEA, MA  
– (508) 679-0183

VERIFY WARRANT/MISSING STATUS: NBPD 508-991-6300

LAST SEEN: NEW BEDFORD

MAY BE IN: NORTH END NEW BEDFORD/ACUSHNET



# Massachusetts State Troopers Stop Driver Impersonating Police Officer, Find Counterfeit Money

Shortly after 11 o'clock last night, while patrolling Interstate 93 northbound in Wilmington, Massachusetts State Police Trooper Stephen Thomson observed a black Acura TLX sedan with flashing blue lights and a New York plate being driven at an extremely high rate of speed. The Acura was changing between the middle and left lane at speeds estimated to be greater than 110 mph, and other vehicles, believing it to be a police vehicle, were moving out of the way. Trooper Thompson queried the vehicle, and upon determining it was in fact not a police vehicle, activated his marked cruiser's blue lights and siren and attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop as the Acura got onto Interstate 495 southbound.

The Acura kept traveling in the middle lane and refused to stop. Troop A headquarters authorized a pursuit and assumed command and control. Troopers pursued the Acura approximately 10 miles until it stopped at Exit 34 in Chelmsford.

Trooper Thomson, assisted by Troopers Kenneth Quigley, Francis Ducharme, and Emily Todisco, removed the three male occupants from the Acura and secured them in handcuffs. The occupants were identified as KEVIN PORTALATIN, 27, of the Bronx, N.Y., who was the driver; SAMUEL E. MORALES, 38, also of the Bronx; and YEFRI ARIAS-RODRIGUEZ, 22, also of the Bronx.

The driver PORTALATIN told Trooper Thomson that he was a volunteer police officer and firefighter and he thought the pursuing Troopers were "helping" him. The driver also stated the group was coming from Lawrence, despite the fact that they

were observed traveling in a northerly direction in Wilmington, which is south of Lawrence. The driver then stated that the men were rappers from New York and were going to do a show.

Troopers observed that the Acura had flashing blue lights in the front and back. During an inventory of the Acura prior to its being towed, Troopers discovered a box containing \$100 bills believed to be counterfeit. The bills were stacked in 10 separate bundles each bound with a paper band. A single \$20 bill, also believed to be phony and with Chinese writing on it, was also found. Troopers also located, in the car, three bottles of pepper spray and a handheld radio that scans police dispatches.

Troopers transported the three men to the State Police-Andover Barracks, where they were booked. A special agent from the United States Secret Service responded to the barracks, interviewed the men, and confirmed that the bills were counterfeit.

PORTALATIN is charged with the following offenses:

Impersonating a police officer;  
Unlawful use of blue lights;  
Possession of counterfeit notes;  
Failure to stop for police;  
Speeding; and  
Marked lanes violation.

MORALES and ARIAS each face charges of possession of counterfeit notes.

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# **New Bedford Seafood Wholesaler Pleads Guilty to Tax Evasion**

A former New Bedford seafood wholesaler pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court in Boston to failing to file tax returns and filing a false tax return for his business' income.

George F. Estudante, 57, formerly of Marion, Mass., pleaded guilty to two counts of failing to file tax returns and one count of filing a false income tax return. U.S. District Court Judge William G. Young scheduled sentencing for March 13, 2018.

Estudante failed to file an income tax return for 2010, even though his business, Basic Fisheries, received approximately \$1,418,629 in payments. He also failed to file a tax return for 2011, although his business received approximately \$1,607,726 in payments that year. Furthermore, Estudante falsely swore on his 2012 tax return that he had received approximately \$533,078 in gross receipts when his bank account reflected that he had received over \$740,000.

The charge of failing to file an income tax return provides for a sentence of no greater than one year in prison, one year of supervised release and a fine of \$25,000. The charge of filing a false income tax return provides for a sentence of no greater than three years in prison, one year of supervised release and a fine of \$100,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based on the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

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# New Bedford Holiday Recycling Tips and Holiday Recycling Guide

After the gifts have been unwrapped, New Bedford residents are encouraged to recycle as much of their holiday waste as possible.

“Residents may have questions about which items can be recycled curbside or at the transfer station as well as what to do with their Christmas trees after the holiday. We are sharing this information now to help our residents prepare,” said Ken Blanchard, Director of the Department of Facilities and Fleet Management.

Here are a few tips to help ensure holiday waste ends up in the right place:

- Wrapping paper: Recycle this in the curbside recycling cart. Metallic wrapping paper, bows, and ribbons cannot be recycled; reuse if possible. Place cardboard boxes, gift boxes, greeting cards, catalogs, bottles, and cans in the recycling cart.
- Styrofoam blocks and Christmas tree lights: Clean blocks of Styrofoam can be recycled at the Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station at 1103 Shawmut Avenue. Christmas tree lights can be placed in the scrap metal pile at the transfer station. These items do not belong in the recycling carts.

# Holiday Tips for Your Recycling Cart

**Yes!**  
Recycle these in your recycling cart.





**Wrapping Paper**  
*paper only, no foil*

No bows  
No ribbons  
No cellophane



Empty cardboard & paper boxes



Catalogs



Paper tubes



Lottery tickets



Paper greeting cards  
(no photo cards)



Empty bottles, cans, jugs, jars, & clean pie tins

Some images courtesy of RIRRC

**No!**  
Do NOT place these in your recycling cart.





NO Christmas lights



NO Plastic bags



NO Food or liquid



NO Clothing (donate)



NO Styrofoam blocks



NO Styrofoam peanuts



NO Bubble wrap



NO Air pillows

**No curbside collection on December 25<sup>th</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>.**



Collection will be delayed by one day.

For more information, call (508) 979-1493 or email [recycling@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:recycling@newbedford-ma.gov).

And, once your Christmas tree has been undecorated, here are several ways it can be properly disposed of:

- Christmas tree collection: ABC Disposal will pick up Christmas trees from January 8 to January 12. During this week

only, residents may place trees at the curb by 7 a.m. the weekday after trash and recycling collection. Please note, if your trash is usually collected on Friday, Christmas trees will only be collected along your route on Monday, January 8th. If your trash is usually collected on Mondays, Christmas trees will only be collected along your route on Tuesday, January 9th and so on. The City will not collect Christmas trees curbside at any other time; if placed at the curb any other time, property owners may be issued a violation notice. Please remove all ornaments, stands, holiday lights, and tinsel. Do not place trees in plastic bags.

- Christmas tree drop-off: Starting December 26th, Christmas trees can be brought to:

- o East Rodney French Blvd. beach lot, between Hudson Street & Seymour Street, ends January 11th

- o Brooklawn Park, near Pony League Field, enter at Irvington Street, ends January 11th

- o Shawmut Avenue Transfer Station, 1103 Shawmut Avenue, open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, noon to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Transfer Station will be closed on December 25th and January 1st.

For additional tips, follow @NBRecycling on Twitter, or visit our New Bedford Recycling Facebook page. If you have questions, please contact the recycling office by phone at (508) 979-1493 or by email at [recycling@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:recycling@newbedford-ma.gov)