Mayor Mitchell testifies before Congressional Subcommittee regarding reauthorization of Magnuson-Stevens Act

Mayor Jon Mitchell testified before the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans on Tuesday to advocate for changes to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Magnuson-Stevens Act is subject to reauthorization every ten years, and Congress is currently considering its reauthorization.

As Mayor of the nation's top commercial fishing port, Mitchell testified on changes to several aspects of the Act.

The regional fisheries management councils that determine overfishing have had severely limited flexibility since the 1996 passage of the Sustainable Fisheries Act as it sought to end overfishing immediately to quickly rebuild stocks by imposing a strict, ten-year rebuilding schedule for stocks deemed overfished. Mayor Mitchell testified that there is no biological justification for this timetable, and that commercial fishermen are often unable to catch their full scientifically-justified quota because when quotas are set too low for certain overfished species, it prevents fishermen from catching the other, healthy species that intermingle with them. These so-called "choke" species are the reason why fishermen in the North Atlantic cannot catch their full quota of healthy, abundant species such as haddock.

"The ten-year rule is arbitrary, and its establishment was at odds with the underlying premise of regional management," Mitchell said in his remarks as prepared for testimony. "Regional councils should have the flexibility to set rebuilding timelines for stocks under their jurisdiction based on the unique biological and ecological conditions, and by giving appropriate weight to the economic wellbeing of fishing communities. Eliminating the ten-year rule should not be regarded as a compromising of the conservation imperatives of the Act. Quite to the contrary, replacing the ten-year rule with one that is based on the regeneration rate of a threatened fish stock - as some members have proposed - will lead to clearer, more predictable outcomes without causing unnecessary disruption to fishermen, and without compromising the rebuilding of fish stocks. The term 'flexibility' should not be understood as a euphemism for deregulation. The councils are in the business of finely calibrating decisions in light of relevant environmental and economic data, and their own experience and expertise. In the discharge of their duties, they tend not to win friends either in the fishing industry or in the conservation community, and given the goals of Magnuson-Stevens, that's probably the way it should be."

The Mayor also advocated for councils to have greater flexibility in setting Annual Catch Limits. NOAA's recentlyrevised National Standard One Guidelines instructed regional councils to consider both scientific and management uncertainty when setting quotas, with many of the recommendations significantly improving the councils' ability to achieve the Magnuson-Stevens Act's stated goal of achieving optimum yield of fisheries "on a continuing basis."

Mayor Mitchell encouraged cooperative research between government and the industry in his remarks before the congressional subcommittee.

"In New England, some of our best scientific innovations have come from collaborations between the industry, government and independent scientists," he testified. "For example, in the 1990s, the Atlantic scallop fleet began deploying video survey technology to generate additional measurements of the scallop population. These surveys, together with additional research on gear and habitats, led to revised, more accurate estimates of scallop abundance, and are one of the primary reasons the Atlantic scallop fishery became the most successful in the world. Scientists at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth are currently developing new methods to apply the same video survey techniques to the region's groundfish stocks. The problem is that these collective victories tend to be one-off. The Act must lead to a more systematic approach to encouraging cooperative research. Requiring NOAA to come up with a plan to implement and conduct cooperative research programs would go a long way. Gathering data from various sources will lead to greater accuracy in stock assessment and reduce the need for uncertainty buffers in the setting of annual catch limits."

The Mayor also said that cooperation could be greatly facilitated by siting NOAA facilities in fishing communities, such as New Bedford – New England's top port.

"In too many places across the country, geographic distance between regulators and commercial fishermen is an impediment to cooperation. The reality is that many key NOAA scientific and administrative facilities are not located in or near fishing communities, making it more difficult to achieve some level of understanding between the regulators and the regulated community," said Mayor Mitchell. "One of the more egregious examples concerns the Port of New Bedford. Despite accounting for more than a third of the landings in New England, New Bedford is the site of fewer than ten out of over five hundred of NOAA employees in New England. If there is to be real collaboration, NOAA must give strong consideration in its siting decisions to locating facilities in places where commercial fishing is actually taking place."

Mitchell also argued that the designation of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine Monument under the Antiquities Act lacked the scientific rigor and industry input that typically comes with temporary ocean closures — much less permanent closures — and its process outside the Magnuson-Stevens Act was, however well-meaning, problematic and ultimately works against long-term interests of stakeholders. The Mayor advocated for a legislative solution to the inherent conflict between the Magnuson-Stevens Act and the Antiquities Act so that decisions to close areas of the ocean to commercial activity will have the full benefit of a rigorous and transparent process.

Mayor Mitchell also testified that he agrees with the proposal to revisit the term "overfishing," which is used to describe a stock that has fallen below a minimum biomass such that "maximum sustainable yield" cannot be generated. "There can be a number of reasons for the loss of biomass of a given fish stock that have nothing to do with fishing activity, including the effects of climate change, pollution, changes in migration patterns, other offshore activity, or increased presence of natural predators," he said. "The term also can complicate management of multi-species complexes and management measures that are necessary to address stock diminishment. Describing threatened stocks instead as 'depleted' would be a more neutral, and often more accurate, label."

Mitchell advocated for enhancing funding for scientific research, as stock assessments are the most important source of information in the regulatory process – an issue which the regulators and regulated community agree.

"Our nation's fisheries are already some of the best managed and most conservation-minded and sustainable fisheries in the world," he said in conclusion. "By making reasonable revisions to the Magnuson-Stevens Act, Congress can ensure that our fisheries are environmentally sustainable, and that commercial fishermen can continue making vital economic contributions to their communities."

2017 New Bedford Ward 2 City Council Debate

New Bedford Guide's live debate with New Bedford Ward 2 City Council candidates Edwin Cartagena, Carlos Pimentel Felix and Maria Giesta.

The preliminary election will be held on October 3rd and the top two vote getters move on to the November 7th final election.

College & Career Readiness Fair welcomes NBHS students to consider their options earlier

The school year is still young but New Bedford High School's Annual College and Career Readiness Fair is Thursday, September 28, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium, 230 Hathaway Blvd. More than 60 institutions are registered to attend.

The fair takes place early in the fall semester and is big part of New Bedford High School's emphasis on preparing every student for success in college and the workplace, noted Headmaster Bernadette Coelho. "The fair is just one of the ways New Bedford High School constantly seeks to assist our students in considering their many options early on for their college and career choices. We also encourage middle school students and their families to come to the fair as well. It's never too early to think about the future," she said.

The evening also includes a Parents Night for families of middle school students from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to learn more about New Bedford High School and to visit the fair.

Representatives from more than 60 universities and colleges (both public and private), technical institutions, USA military academies and branches of the U.S. Armed Forces will be available to discuss courses, financials, housing and career options with students and their families.

Language support is available at the fair in Creole, Spanish and Portuguese. Guidance and GEAR UP councilors will also be available in Room B-211. For more information about the College and Career Readiness Fair, contact: Veronica Martinez, GEAR UP Community & Parent Outreach Coordinator, New Bedford High School, 508-997-4511 Ext. 25154

The following institutions will be represented:

American International College Anna Maria College Bay State College Bridgewater State University Bristol Community College Caldwell University Cape Cod Community College Colby Sawyer College Curry College Emerson College Emmanuel College Fisher College Framingham State University Greater New Bedford Career Center Husson University IYRS School of Technology & Trades Laboure College Lasell College Leduc Center for Civic Engagement Lesley University Mass College of Art & Design Mass College of Liberal Arts Mass Maritime Academy Massasoit Community College-Brockton MEFA (Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority) Merrimack College New England Board of Higher Education New England Institute of Technology Newbury College Nichols College North Shore Community College Northeast Maritime Institute Rhode Island College Ringling College of Art and Design Roger Williams University Sacred Heart University Saint Joseph's College of Maine School of Fashion Design Southern Maine Community College Stonehill College Suffolk University The Sage Colleges U.S. Air Force U.S. Air National Guard U.S. Army U.S. Coast Guard U.S. Coast Guard Academy U.S. Marines Corp. U.S. Merchant Academy U.S. Military Academy at West Point

U.S. Naval Academy U.S. Navy Unity College Universal Technical Institute University of Maine at Farmington University of Maine at Orono University of Massachusetts Amherst University of Massachusetts Boston University of Massachusetts Dartmouth University of Massachusetts Dartmouth College of Nursing University of Massachusetts Lowell University of Rhode Island University of Southern Maine University of Tampa Westfield State University

New Bedford police arrest man with \$15,000 worth of Fentanyl on Ruth Street

Members of the New Bedford Police narcotics unit took more than \$15,000 worth of Fentanyl off the street Tuesday as part of a continuing crackdown on the distribution of Fentanyl, a major cause of the significant numbers of drug overdoses in the city.

The arrests followed an investigation into a Fentanyl distribution service out of 70 Ruth St. Apt. 4S. Police executed a search warrant at that address and seized 166 grams of Fentanyl, 42 rounds of .45 caliber ammunition, 4.9 grams of cocaine, 12 Suboxone film strips, a digital scale, packaging

materials, cutting agents and \$1,007 in cash.

Jonathan Perez-Rolon, 24, of 70 Ruth St. Apt. 4S, was arrested on charges of trafficking in Fentanyl over 100 grams, conspiracy to violate drug laws, unlawful possession of ammunition, possession of Suboxone and possession of Suboxone with intent to distribute.

Luis Rodriguez, 36, of 70 Ruth St. Apt. 4S, was arrested on charges of of trafficking in Fentanyl over 100 grams, conspiracy to violate drug laws, unlawful possession of ammunition, possession of Suboxone, possession of Suboxone with intent to distribute and three outstanding warrants. The arrests were made at 11:18 p.m.

Somerset Man Convicted of Child Rape and Sentenced to State Prison

A 35-year-old Somerset man caught by police last February having oral sex with an underage girl in a Somerset parking lot was sentenced to serve five years in state prison last week, District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Frank Macri pleaded guilty last week to a multi-count indictment charging him with rape of a child, posing a child in the nude and disseminating child pornography.

On February 19, 2016 Somerset Police were on a routine patrol of the Park and Ride parking lot on Slade's Ferry Avenue when officers witnessed a topless female leaning into the lap of a man inside a parked car at the lot. When officers approached the vehicle they witnessed the female rushing to put her shirt back on and the male in the driver's seat with his pants unbuttoned.

After a brief discussion with both occupants, police learned the female was a 14-year-old-girl. The girl told police she had met the defendant online and had met with him in person on numerous occasions.

Investigating officers seized the victim's iPad and the defendant's cell phone. On the iPad, they found numerous videos of the girl performing oral sex on the defendant. A subsequent forensic review of the defendant's cell phone determined that the defendant had taken all of the videos and then sent them to the victim.

In addition to the five year state prison term, Fall River Superior Court Judge Raffia Yessayan sentenced the defendant to 10 years of probation to commence upon his release from prison.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Lesly Leahy.

"This defendant engaged in deviant behavior with an underage girl and must be held accountable.," said District Attorney Quinn.

Prime Minister of Cape Verde to visit Port of New Bedford

Mayor Jon Mitchell will welcome Prime Minister Jose Ulisses Correia e Silva of Cape Verde, to the Port of New Bedford today at 4:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister will tour the Port of New Bedford, the nation's top commercial fishing port, as part of his visit to the United States.

A brief press conference and media availability will be held at 4 p.m. when the Prime Minister arrives at the port.

Massachusetts State Police Add Six to List of Most Wanted Fugitives

The Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section today added six fugitives to its Most Wanted list, including a man wanted for killing his estranged girlfriend, another who kidnapped and pistol-whipped two victims, an accomplice in a fatal home invasion, and a man who attacked a woman and a dog with a machete.

State Troopers assigned to the Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section ask anyone who has information about these six fugitives or their whereabouts to call them immediately at 1-800-KAPTURE (1-800-527-8873). Wanted posters for each of these fugitives, as well as supplemental photos of three of them, are included with this release.

Added to the State Police Most Wanted List today are the following fugitives.





STEVEN C. TOUCH



WANTED FOR: MURDER

Home Invasion, Carry Loaded Firearm, Possession of a Large Capacity Firearm

Hair:.....Dark Brown / Black

Eyes:.....Brown

Race:.....Asian / Cambodian

AKA's:.....Steven Chhon Touch, Steven Choum, Kevin Touch, Fat Boy, C Sick

Tattoo's: "Kayden" above Baby footprint on Right Side of Neck, "B" with "Blood" below on Left Inner Forearm, "Y" with "Young" below on Right Inner Forearm, "Blood" on Upper Right Arm, "Touch" on Left Hand

2013 PHOTO

Wanted by the Massachusetts State Police & Billerica Police Department

Steven TOUCH is wanted for Murder and related charges for his role in a fatal 2012 Home Invasion in Billerica, MA. TOUCH and two co-defendants were indicted for these charges in June of 2017 and both co-defendants were quickly captured. TOUCH remains at large and has three additional warrants for charges to include Possess Firearm With Defaced Serial Number, Possess Large Capacity Firearm (2 cts), and Carry Loaded Firearm. TOUCH is also wanted on a federal Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution warrant and the FBI is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to his arrest. TOUCH is the alleged leader of the violent Young Bloods street gang operating in the Lynn, MA area and should be considered Armed and Dangerous.

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Steven C. Touch (06/04/89)



1. STEVEN C. TOUCH, 28, a.k.a. Steven Chhon Touch, Steven Choum, Kevin Touch, "Fat Boy," and "C Sick." Fugitive. TOUCH is Asian, approximately 5'7" tall and 220 lbs., with dark brown or black hair, brown eyes, and numerous tattoos (see wanted poster). He is wanted by the Massachusetts State Police and Billerica Police for murder and related charges for his role in a fatal 2012 home invasion in that town. TOUCH and two co-defendants were indicted in June; both co-defendants were quickly captured but TOUCH remains at large. He is the alleged leader of the violent Young Bloods street gang operating in and around Lynn, and should be considered armed and dangerous.





THOMAS G. VARGUS



	WANTED FOR:
A&B w/ Da	ingerous Weapon-Machete
C	Cruelty to Animals
DOB:	SAC JJJJSETTO

DOB:	
Height:	
Weight:	,200 lbs.
Hair:	Brown (currently shaved)
Eyes:	Hazel
Race:	White
FBI#	661983PA5
Tattoos	Numerous / Complete Body

2017 PHOTO

Wanted by the Massachusetts State Police & Taunton Police Department

Thomas VARGUS is wanted for Assault and Battery With a Dangerous Weapon-Machete and Cruelty to Animals for an incident in Taunton, MA on September 18, 2017. An investigation by the Taunton Police Department revealed that VARGUS approached a female walking a dog on Church Street. VARGUS then allegedly produced a machete and began stabbing the dog. The female was also struck with the weapon during the attack and injured. Area residents intervened and were able to lock the dog in a vehicle to prevent further injury. VARGUS subsequently fled the scene and an arrest warrant issued with New England extradition authorized. VARGUS has a lengthy and violent criminal history in Massachusetts to include nine convictions for Assault & Battery With a Dangerous Weapon including Beer Bottle, Mace Sprayer and Beer Can. He has additional convictions for Assault & Battery and Federal Narcotics Conspiracy charges. VARGUS has extensive tattooing on his body including on his head, face and neck. In addition to Taunton, he has past ties to Brockton, Cambridge and Somerville and should be considered Armed and Dangerous.

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2. THOMAS G. VARGUS, 45. Fugitive VARGUS is white, approximately 6' tall and 200 lbs., with brown hair (possibly shaved head), hazel eyes, and, most notably, has numerous tattoos over his entire body, including his face, neck, and scalp (see wanted poster). VARGUS is wanted by the Massachusetts State Police and Taunton Police for a Sept. 18, 2017 attack on a woman and her dog on Church Street in that city. The investigation indicates that VARGUS approached the woman, pulled out a machete, and began stabbing the dog. The woman was also struck with the machete and injured during the attack. Bystanders intervened and were able to lock the dog in a vehicle to prevent further injury. The dog, whose name is "King," survived. VARGUS fled the scene and remains at large. He has a lengthy violent criminal history, including past convictions for assault with a beer bottle, beer can, and mace spray. In addition to Taunton, he has previous ties to Brockton, Cambridge and Somerville, and should be considered armed and dangerous.



WANTED FOR:

CORNEL BELL

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		DOB:	
		Weight:170 lbs.	
		Hair:Black Eyes:Brown	
		Complexion:Dark Race/Born:Jamaican	8
		FBI#	
1		AKAs:Cavin Wayne Lebert, Cornel James, Kerrol Florizel Bailey, Cornel Carara Bernard Duke Bell, Mark Simmons, Tony Smith & Anthony Smith	
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2014 PHOTO

Wanted by the Massachusetts State Police and the Weymouth Police Department

Cornell BELL is wanted for the Murder of his estranged girlfriend Michele Clarke on August 19, 2017 in Weymouth, MA. After harassing Clarke at work, BELL allegedly proceeded to her residence where a fatal confrontation occurred when she returned home. BELL then fled in the victim's pickup truck which was recovered several days later by law enforcement in Florida. BELL was last seen with short hair and a close cropped beard which were both salt and pepper in color. He has utilized numerous names, dates of birth and social security numbers in the past. BELL has further obtained a minimum of 4 Massachusetts Driver's Licenses using the Simmons, Lebert, Smith and Carara identities. In addition to the Murder warrant, BELL has 3 additional warrants under the Cavin Lebert name for Armed Assault to Murder/Firearm, Armed Robbery, and Assault & Battery With a Dangerous Weapon. BELL has a heavy Jamaican accent and has ties to Dorchester, Florida and Jamaica. He should be considered Armed and Dangerous.

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3. CORNEL BELL, 46, a.k.a. Cavin Wayne Lebert, Cornel James, Kerrol Florizel Bailey, Cornel Carara, Bernard Duke Bell, Mark Simmons, Tony Smith, and Anthony Smith. Fugitive. BELL is Jamaican, approximately 5'4" tall and 170 lbs., with a dark complexion, black hair (may be salt-and-pepper), and brown eyes. He speaks in a heavy Jamaican accent. BELL is wanted by the Massachusetts State Police and the Weymouth Police Department for the Aug. 19, 2017 murder of his estranged girlfriend Michele Clark inside her Weymouth home. BELL fled in a stolen pickup truck, which was recovered several days later by police in Florida. He was last seen with short hair and a close cropped beard, both of which were salt-and-pepper in color. BELL has used numerous identities and has obtained at least four Massachusetts driver's licenses using false identities. He has ties to Dorchester, Florida, and Jamaica, and should be considered armed and dangerous.

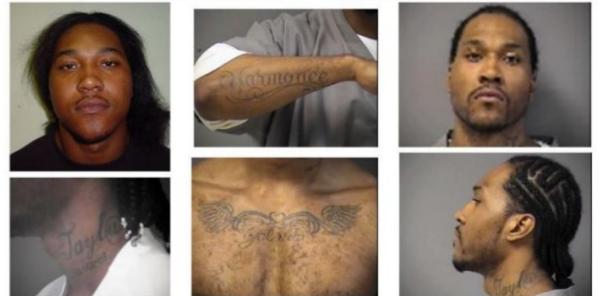


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Daniel J. Christian

(07/14/86)



4. DANIEL J. CHRISTIAN, 31, a.k.a. "D.J." Fugitive CHRISTIAN is black, approximately 6'6" tall and 240 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes and a muscular build. He had a light beard when last seen, and has several tattoos (see wanted poster). CHRISTIAN is wanted by the Massachusetts State Police and Gardner Police for his role in a brazen daylight shooting in that town on July 18, 2017. The investigation indicated that CHRISTIAN followed two people in his vehicle, cut them off, and got out of the vehicle and fired multiple gunshots at them. The victims were not hit. CHRISTIAN fled the area and remains at large. He has an extensive violent criminal history. CHRISTIAN has ties to Gardner, Fitchburg, Leominster, Lynn, and Dorchester. The firearm used in the shooting was not recovered, and CHRISTIAN should be considered armed and dangerous.





JEFFREY BABY LOPEZ



WANTED FOR:

Armed Robbery (2 cts), Kidnapping (2 cts), Assault & Battery w/a Dangerous Weapon-Handgun Discharge a Firearm Within 500' of a Building

DOB:	
Weight:	170-185 lbs.
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	
Build:	Medium =
Race:	Hispanic
FBI#	
AKAs:	

Tattoos: Teardrop beneath comer of Right Eye, "19" on Right Hand, Sleeve on Right Arm including "72" on Shoulder, "PR" on Left Hand, Numerous on Left Upper Arm including "Evelyn" on Shoulder, "Loved By Few Hated By Many Yet Respected By All" on Chest and Four 2's in a diamond shape on Left Wrist

2017 PHOTO

Wanted by the Massachusetts State Police & Lynn Police Department

Jeffrey Baby LOPEZ is wanted on 5 warrants for a variety of violent charges to include Armed Robbery (2 cts), Kidnapping (2 cts), Assault & Battery With a Dangerous Weapon-Handgun, Discharge a Firearm Within 500' of a Building and Carry a Dangerous Weapon-2nd Offense. In January of 2017, LOPEZ and multiple co-defendants allegedly kidnapped, pistol whipped, assaulted and robbed two individuals over a several hour period in Lynn. Additionally, LOPEZ was recently charged in an October of 2016 drive-by shooting also in Lynn where 5 rounds were fired from a .45 caliber handgun. LOPEZ is a suspected member of the Deuce Boys street gang and has a lengthy criminal history in Massa chusetts to include convictions for Possession of Dangerous Weapon, Assault & Battery, Distribution of Class B and multiple counts of Resisting Arrest. LOPEZ has numerous tattoos including a Teardrop under the comer of his right eye and he typically wears his hair in a ponytail. In addition to Lynn, he has ties to Malden and New York and should be considered Armed and Dangerous.

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5. JEFFREY BABY LOPEZ, 27, a.k.a. "Knuckles." Fugitive LOPEZ is Hispanic, approximately 5'9"-5'10" tall, 170-185 lbs., with black hair, brown eyes, and a medium build. He has numerous tattoos, including a teardrop beneath the corner of his right eye (see wanted poster). LOPEZ is wanted by the Massachusetts State Police and Lynn Police on a variety of violent charges stemming from an incident in that city in January 2017, during which he and multiple co-defendants kidnapped, pistol-whipped, assaulted and robbed two people over a period of several hours. LOPEZ also was recently charged with an October 2016 drive-by shooting in Lynn. He is a suspected member of the Deuce Boys street gang and has a lengthy criminal history. In addition to Lynn, he has ties to Malden and New York and should be considered armed and dangerous.



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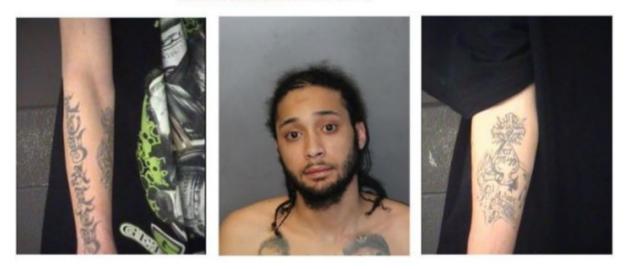
Wanted by the Massachusetts State Police & Brockton Police Department

On August 2, 2017, the Brockton Police Department responded to a shots fired call in their city. Multiple shell casings were recovered from the scene and a female victim arrived at a local hospital suffering from gunshot wounds. An investigation by Brockton PD identified the alleged shooter as Jovett RESENDE and an arrest warrant issued for charges to include Carry Firearm, Possess Large Capacity Firearm, Possess Ammunition and Assault & Battery With a Dangerous Weapon. Further investigation led to the recovery of a sizable quantity of illegal narcotics resulting in additional charges of Trafficking in More Than 10 Grams of Fentanyl and Distribution of Class D. The Firearm from the shooting has not been recovered and RESENDE should be considered Armed and Dangerous. RESENDE was last known to have short braids and may be wearing glasses.

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Jovett Resende(03/29/89)



6. JOVETT RESENDE, 28. Fugitive RESENDE is Cape Verdean, approximately 5'9" tall and 135 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes. He has numerous tattoos, including the words "RIP Mizz" and a cross on his right forearm (see wanted poster). RESENDE is wanted by the Massachusetts State Police and the Brockton Police Department for the August 2, 2017 non-fatal shooting of a woman in that city. The investigation into the shooting resulted in the recovery of a large amount of narcotics, including trafficking weight of the dangerous opioid fentanyl. The firearm used in the shooting has not been recovered, and RESENDE should be considered armed and dangerous.

To reiterate, the Massachusetts State Police ask asking anyone who has information about these fugitives or their whereabouts to call them immediately at 1-800-KAPTURE (1-800-527-8873). Please help us locate these dangerous fugitives to hold them accountable for their crimes and to bring justice to their victims.

Volunteers needed: Palmer's Island cleanup on Sep. 30

The City of New Bedford's Conservation Commission, Operation Clean Sweep, Old Bedford Village Development Corp., Buzzards Bay Coalition, Hands Across the River and YouthBuild invite volunteers to participate in the Palmer's Island cleanup on Saturday, September 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Volunteers should bring their own heavy duty gloves and water bottles, and to be sure to wear protective footwear, sunscreen, appropriate clothing.

The meeting location for the cleanup is the Gifford Street boat ramp, at the end of Gifford Street, east of the corner of Gifford and Harbor streets.

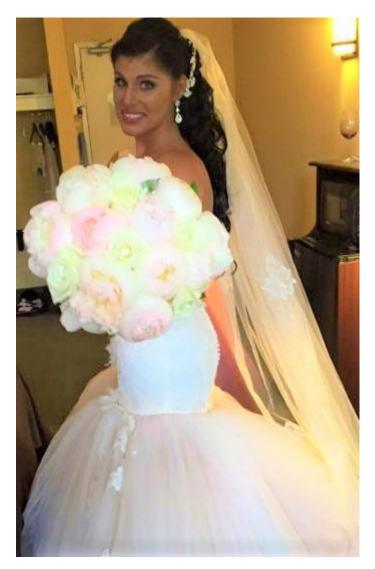
The rain date for the event is scheduled as Saturday, October 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Husband arrested for murder of wife inside their Revere home

Shortly after 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Massachusetts State Police homicide detectives and Revere Police detectives arrested ANDREW MacCORMACK, 29, for the murder of his wife, Vanessa (Masucci) MacCormack, in their North Revere home this past weekend.

ANDREW MacCORMACK's arrest followed an intensive, around-the-clock investigation that included meticulous processing of the

meticulous processing of the crime scene, recovery of from private footage surveillance systems and public safety cameras, the execution of а search warrant by State and Revere Police, interviews with multiple people, examination of phone records and other records, and manv more investigative steps.



Revere Police and emergency medical personnel responded to 93 Grand View Ave. just after 3:30 Saturday afternoon following a 911 call placed by ANDREW MacCORMACK. First-responders found 30-year-old Vanessa inside the residence with obvious evidence of severe physical trauma. She was determined to be deceased at the scene. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner made preliminary findings that she had suffered a blunt force injury to the head, sharp force injuries to the neck, and asphyxiation. Evidence observed by police suggests that her killer made concerted efforts to clean the crime scene and dispose of related items.

"The State Police homicide detectives and Crime Scene Services technicians who investigated this homicide did very strong work, following the facts and evidence wherever they led," Colonel McKeon said. "After a thorough, open-ended investigation, it was clear that those facts and evidence led to one person and one person only — and he is now under arrest. We are grateful to the Suffolk District Attorney's Office and the Revere Police for this combined effort to find justice for Ms. MacCormack."

The arrest was made at the Revere Police station. ANDREW MacCORMACK is formerly of East Boston. The victim, the former Vanessa Masucci, is pictured in this post.

"The evidence suggests that her murder was a crime of domestic violence, committed in the very place where she should have been safest — her own home," Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley said. "It was critical during the past several days to withhold certain information as we gathered the facts and evidence, and we're extremely grateful for the cooperation of witnesses and partner agencies who helped us build this case."

Added Revere Police Acting Chief James Guido: "Our thoughts and prayers go out to Vanessa's family. I want to commend the Revere Police, State Police detectives, and Suffolk prosecutors for all of their hard work and many hours to resolve this case and bring justice for Vanessa and her family. To the community, we offer special thanks for their cooperation and patience during this trying time."

Police and prosecutors said the investigation remains active, and they continue to ask anyone with information to share it no matter how minor or peripheral it may seem. The Suffolk County State Police Detective Unit may be reached at 617-727-8817 and the Revere Police Criminal Investigation Division may be reached at 781-286-8340.

The victims of any crime, including domestic violence, should call 911 in an emergency. SafeLink, a statewide domestic

violence hotline, can also be reached at 877-785-2020. SafeLink is answered by trained advocates 24 hours a day in English, Spanish, and Portuguese, as well as TTY at 877-521-2601. SafeLink also has the capacity to provide multilingual translation in more than 140 languages. Survivors and those who care about them can search for nearby DV programs at http://janedoe.org/find_help/search.

He is expected to be arraigned tomorrow in Chelsea District Court.

Live with New Bedford Symphony Orchestra conductor Yaniv Dinur

Live from the Zeiterion Theater with the new New Bedford Symphony Orchestra conductor Yaniv Dinur.