

Dorchester man arrested for trafficking 77 grams fentanyl on North Front Street

A Dorchester man was arrested and charged with trafficking Fentanyl on Saturday morning around 11:30 AM.

Members of the New Bedford Police Department's Narcotics Unit stopped the vehicle he was driving in the area of Tinkham Street and North Front Street as result of an investigation. Detectives located 77 grams of Fentanyl, 8.4 grams of cocaine, and \$312.00 in cash as result of the stop. Arrested and charged was Junior Rios Rivera, 36 of Dorchester, MA.

1. Trafficking Fentanyl
 2. Possession with intent to distribute class B cocaine
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Driver killed after his vehicle goes airborne and strikes tunnel ceiling in Boston

UPDATE: The operator and victim in the fatal crash in Boston has been identified as Yao Cao, a 19-year-old (not 20 as originally reported) of Chestnut Hill, Mass. Based on preliminary investigation, excessive speed and impairment are believed to be causation factors in this crash.

This morning at about 2:15 a.m., State Police from the Tunnels

barracks responded to a single-vehicle crash Route 90 eastbound on exit 22 in Boston which resulted in one fatality.

Preliminary investigation by Trooper Eric Papkee indicates that a 2013 Audi A8 was traveling on Route 90 eastbound on exit 22 when, for reasons still under investigation, the vehicle went airborne and struck the ceiling of the tunnel subsequently ripping down wires and cables.

The operator, a 20-year-old Brookline man, was determined to be deceased at the scene. The female passenger was transported to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

This crash remains under investigation with assistance from the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, Crime Scene Services Section and Suffolk County Detectives. State Police were assisted on scene by Boston Fire and EMS as well as MassDOT.

Seven men arrested in north end New Bedford drug sweep on Saturday

Members of the New Bedford Police Narcotics Unit targeted street level drug activity in the north end of the city Saturday afternoon. As result 7 males were arrested and charged as followed:

Carlos Carreiro 33

1. Possession of class A heroin
2. Conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws

Blain Arruda 32

1. Distribution of class A heroin
2. Distribution of class A heroin subsequent offense (6/2012)
3. Conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws

Chad Rebelo 30

1. Possession with intent to distribute class A heroin
2. Possession with intent to distribute class A heroin subsequent offense (6/2016)
3. Conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws

Douglas Richards 52

1. Distribution class A heroin
2. Distribution class A heroin subsequent offense (6/2012)
3. Conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws

Kyle Gilmete 35

1. Possession of class A heroin
2. Conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws

Jonathan Carver 36

1. Distribution of class A heroin
2. Distribution of class A heroin subsequent offense (9/2014)
3. Conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws
4. Warrant

Sean Ribeiro 24

1. Distribution of class A heroin
2. Conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws

Males are scheduled to be arraigned Monday at 3rd District Court.

No matter what your language, JR computer is there to fix the problem!

By Jonathan Comey

JR Oliveira has been fixing electronics for most of his adult life, but that doesn't mean he's done learning.

He's got a wall on the back of JR Computer in the business district on Acushnet Avenue covered with certification and course completion plaques, and the number is always growing.

"You have to stay ahead of the game," he said. "And I always do, I always will."

Whether it's a computer point-of-sale system for a business, a laptop repair or a quick iPhone walk-in fix, Oliveira makes it a point of pride to get return business.



“Customer service and price, that’s what makes us stand out,” Oliveira said.

However, there is one more thing – the ability to speak different languages (as well as the ability to speak computer, which we all struggle with.)

“We also live in an area with many different cultures, so I think it’s a real bonus for us that we speak English, Spanish and Portuguese.”

While he does have refurbished computers and electronic supplies available, it’s his overall expertise as a certified Windows and Apple professional that keeps people coming back.

Oliveira’s coolest client is the New Bedford Airport, which brought him on to assist, but he also serves Regal House, several area restaurants and single-operator businesses.

JR Computer has been open for almost a decade in New Bedford,

and during that time many computer repair shops have come and gone.

Much of his business is online, but he and trusty sidekick Ana are open for business in New Bedford and encourage walk-ins.

With a son having graduated from New Bedford High and into a career as a marine, and a daughter at GNB Voc-Tech, Oliveira is passionate about wanting to help his local community.



“It’s important to me that people know that they have a good local option,” he said. “People come in from Best Buy or Staples, and they’re frustrated because their laptop lies on the shelf for 3 weeks untouched. Here, you’re going to come in and deal with me or Anna, and we’re going to get the work done fast and right.”

JR Computer offers a quick and easy PC/laptop tuneup program, screen replacement, virus removal, and POS system maintenance for business. Oliveira also offers instruction classes on request for any individual or business looking to get a working understanding of computer basics specific to their field or job.”

Finding a good computer electronic tech that does fast, fair work is like scoring a great auto mechanic – it tends to be a relationship that lasts for life.

And that's exactly what JR Oliveira is hoping for.

"I'm here to stay when others maybe aren't, because I care about the customers, I offer a fair price, and I'm fast," he said. "That's all people want. I'm not your regular tech, but I'm a regular guy, and I love it when the customer leaves with their computer fix and feeling like 'Wow, that was easy.'"

JR Computer

1549 Acushnet Ave.,
New Bedford

Phone: (800) 988-8520

EMail: info@jrcomputers.org

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sundays & After Hours/Emergencies: Available by Appointment

Website: jrcomputers.org

Facebook: facebook.com/jrcomputersrepairs/



MA State Police warn public of telephone hoax

Numerous members of the public have reported to State Police that they received hoax telephone calls this afternoon that showed the phone number of the calls' origin to be the number of the State Police South Boston Barracks, 617-740-7710.

When the call recipients answered, they were told to hold for an officer regarding a complaint or warrant that had been issued against them. The "officer" then told the call

recipients they were to get money – in some cases several thousand dollars – and meet police at local shopping centers 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.

Massachusetts State Police Trooper passes away on duty

Massachusetts State Police Trooper Matthew F. Daigle passed away suddenly yesterday. Today, we continue to mourn the loss of a member of the Massachusetts State Police family, and to pray for Trooper Daigle and his loved ones. Trooper Daigle is seen here being pinned with his badge at his graduation from the State Police 80th Recruit Training Troop in October 2011, and in an photo during his service in the United States Air Force.

Colonel Richard D. McKeon, superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police, sent the following message to Department members last night:



To all members of the Massachusetts State Police family,

It is with tremendous sadness that I must report to you the sudden death today of Trooper Matthew F. Daigle, assigned to Station H2, SP-Framingham.

Trooper Daigle suffered a medical emergency while exercising. He was transported to Framingham Metrowest Medical Center, where he was pronounced deceased. He was 31 years old.

Trooper Daigle was highly-regarded and deeply respected by his brother and sister troopers, as well other members of the first-responder community who knew him. He was a member of the 80th Recruit Training Troop, and became a Massachusetts State Trooper upon his graduation in March 2012. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Framingham Police officers, firefighters and ambulance personnel who responded to Trooper Daigle's medical emergency, and to the emergency room staff at Framingham Metrowest Medical Center. All of them tried valiantly to save his life. I am also thankful to Trooper Daigle's colleagues from the MSP who responded to the hospital to offer assistance and support.



Most of all, our thoughts at this time, and our prayers, are with Trooper Daigle's family. He is survived by his wife Christine, by his sister and his father, and by his in-laws. They will always be part of our MSP family.

Details of funeral services will be announced in the coming days.

-Col. Rick McKeon

20-year old New Bedford man arrested for fentanyl, crack cocaine distribution

UPDATE: turns out the girls were screaming "Free Lenine" – the guy arrested recently in connection for the assault on Feb 25: <https://www.newbedfordguide.com/new-bedford-police-searching-for-feb-25-stabbing-suspect/2017/03/06>

Members of the New Bedford Police Department's Narcotics Division executed a search warrant at a Coffin Avenue apartment in New Bedford on Friday at approximately 6:45 PM.

The target of the investigation was 20-year old Rafeal Vega. As result of the investigation, detectives located 21 grams of crack cocaine, 17 grams of fentanyl, packaging materials, and \$287.00 in cash. Vega had a prior conviction of drug distribution in 7/31/2012. He was also observed operating his motor vehicle and known to be unlicensed.

Vega was arrested and charged with:

1. Trafficking class B cocaine
2. Trafficking class B Fentanyl
3. Trafficking class B school zone (2 counts)
4. Possession with intent to distribute class B subsequent offense (2 counts)
4. Unlicensed Operator

Video by Carlos Pimentel Felix.

Fall River Man Convicted of Brazen Shooting Sentenced To Up To Two Decades in Prison

A 24-year-old Fall River man who shot an unsuspecting victim on Quequechan Street in Fall River three years ago has been sentenced to serve 17 to 20 years in state prison after being convicted of a litany of felonies at trial, District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced today.

Tiberias Albert was convicted by a jury of his peers of armed

assault with intent to murder, Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Carrying a Large Capacity Weapon, Illegal Possession of a Large Capacity Magazine, Carrying an Illegal Firearm and Carrying a Loaded Illegal Firearm. The jury convicted the defendant after a three-and-a-half week trial in Fall River Superior Court.

On Friday, Superior Court Judge Raymond Veary sentenced the defendant to serve 17 to 20 years in state prison. Assistant District Attorney Patrick Driscoll, who prosecuted the case along with Assistant District Attorney Michael Cahillane, argued for an 18 to 20 year prison sentence, while the defense requested a five year state prison term.

The shooting occurred on February 24, 2014 at around 5 pm. The victim, who did not know the defendant, arrived home to his apartment on Quequechan Street and found Mr. Albert sitting on his front porch.

The victim asked the defendant why he was sitting on his front porch, to which the defendant replied, "I am looking for a girl." The victim told the defendant he did not know the female the defendant was looking for and suggested he check the home next door.

After a short period of time, while the victim was going through his mailbox, he saw the defendant a second time. The defendant approached him, said "fuck you," and then fired two shots, striking the victim twice in the abdomen. The 47-year-old male victim in this case did not know the defendant, nor did he do anything to provoke the defendant.

The victim was taken to Rhode Island Hospital for treatment of his injuries, where he remained for approximately one month. While at Rhode Island Hospital, the victim was confined to the Intensive Care Unit and underwent numerous surgeries to repair his injuries. After being released from RI Hospital the victim spent several months at a rehabilitation facility to help

assist with his recovery.

“But for the grace of God, the victim would have died from two gunshot wounds. For no apparent reason, the defendant shot a 47 year old man. The defendant has a history of convictions going back to age 14. He has a prior conviction for possession of firearm and drug dealing,” said District Attorney Quinn. “Despite his age, the defendant is a very dangerous person and needs to be kept off the street for a long time. I would like to compliment the prosecutors for their perseverance in this case.”

New Bedford High School to Host Scholarship Information Night

New Bedford High School’s guidance staff in collaboration with Educational Talent Search and GEAR UP will host its annual Scholarship Information Night on Thursday, March 30, 2017, at 6:30 in the Little Theatre at New Bedford High School, 230 Hathaway Boulevard.

All seniors and juniors who want a jump start on the scholarship process, along with their families seeking information about finding scholarships to help pay for college.

Spanish and Portuguese language support will be available for students and families.

“We’re looking forward to hosting high school juniors, seniors, and their families to provide more information about

researching and obtaining scholarships to support funding for their college plans after graduation,” said Headmaster Bernadette Coelho.

12 Things To Do This Weekend (Mar. 24 – Mar. 26)

Well, while the weather will be rather pleasant this weekend in terms of temperature – from mid 40s to mid 50s – we’ll have rain, then rain and some more rain. The good news is that the rain will not be continual. We will have showers that will pas through and some periods of precipitation. We’re hardy New Englanders – what do we care about a little rain? We have Hurricane parties and play in the snow after a blizzard. Nothing will stop us from having fun this weekend!

Lastly, a piece of very important advice in light of recent sad news: beware of carbon monoxide when running heaters and please take precautions.

FRIDAY MAR 24	SATURDAY MAR 25	SUNDAY MAR 26
		
46°/40°	56°/37°	44°/35°
An afternoon shower or two	A little rain; not as cool	A rain or snow shower; cooler

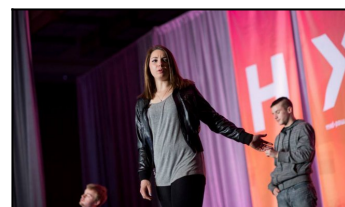
As always, click on the title for more or detailed information on the event. Most of the events were pulled from our [event calendar](#) where you can find hundreds of local area events each month. The event calendar is FREE, so if you are a local

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, March 24th

Drug Story Theater: The Price You Pay at the Z (7:00pm-9:00pm)

Drug Story Theater's The Price You Pay delivers powerful, real-life stories direct from teens struggling with drug and alcohol abuse in a unique and innovative approach to prevention. The improvisational theater-style production integrates teens in recovery, their parents and information about adolescent brain development to inform and educate audiences. This performance was originally scheduled for Feb. 9, but has been rescheduled due to weather. Tickets will be honored for the new date or refunded.



Catch real life stories at the Zeiterion – “Drug Story Theater.”

“Forbidden Broadway: Greatest Hits” Cabaret Theater Show (8:00pm-10:00pm)

Anyone who enjoys Broadway musicals will get a big kick out of this brilliantly wicked show. The show combines the funniest and most well-known moments from the show. Laugh out loud as the cast parodies selections from Fiddler on the Roof, Annie, Wicked, Les Misérables, Phantom of the Opera, Cats, Rent and

many more moments from the Great White Way. Holy Family Holy Name School, 91 Summer Street, New Bedford.

Live Music: "7 Day Weekend" at the Greasy Luck (9:30pm-12:30am)

Bringing you all the hits from every generation, 7 Day Weekend is truly unique in their brand of fun, diversity and variety. Current Top 40 hits, rock anthems, country classics, a mix of 90's hip hop, even classic Michael Jackson, Isley Brothers, Grease, or even a surprise or two. At New Bedford's hottest new spot: The Greasy Luck Brewery at 791 Purchase St. New Bedford, MA.

Saturday, March 25th

MA Law Enforcement "Freezin'-For-A-Reason" Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics (9:00am-12:00pm)

Plunge alone or form a team. Creative dress encouraged!!! Print our pledge form and raise money to offset the forgotten costs of cancer care for local families. 100% of all proceeds will aid with hidden costs associated with this illness, such as: co-pays, childcare, parking fees, gasoline, etc. East Beach, New Bedford, MA. See poster below for more details.

Oxford Book Haven & Cafe Book Sale (Fairhaven) (9:00am-1:00pm)

We have a large selection of books—most are 50 cents. We currently have a special section for our DOLLAR- A-BAG-BOOK SALE. Coffee, tea, soda and home-made coffee breads are available. We welcome anyone to join us in working on our puzzle. Computers and WiFi is available to the public. 357 Main Street, Fairhaven.

St. Julie Billiart Parish Hall Rummage Sale (9:00am-1:00pm)

Clothes, books, toys, tools, household items, domestics, knick-knacks & much, much more. St. Julie Billiart Church Hall, 494 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA. Sponsored by the St. Julie's Ladies Guild.



Have fun and help a great cause!

A Robert Wyatt Lecture: A Master of Marvel: Andrew Lloyd Webber (10:00am-12:00pm)

British composer Andrew Lloyd Webber has created a global empire unrivaled in the history of musical theater. In 1983, he was the first composer to have three musicals appear simultaneously on Broadway and in London's West End, a feat he duplicated five years later. Mr. Webber has collected a variety of honors including knighthood, seven Tony Awards, three Grammy Awards, seven Olivier Awards, a Golden Globe, an Oscar and the Kennedy Center Honors Award. His ninth musical, *The Phantom of the Opera*, celebrated its 10,000th Broadway performance in 2012. Highfield Hall & Gardens, 56 Highfield Drive, Falmouth, MA.

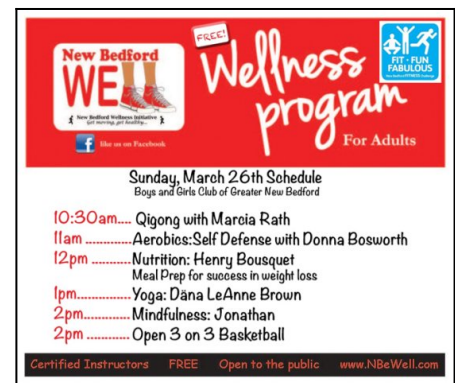
Portuguese Canvas Paint Night (5:30pm-7:30pm)

Get creative with your Portuguese side! Have some fun with your family and friends, paint your own canvas with the famous Portuguese rooster, Galo de Barcelos! ONLY \$25.00+TAX/ADULT BYOB EVENT MUST BE 21+ INCLUDES: -12X16 Canvas -All painting supplies – Our Artist Jill to help step by step -Portuguese music to inspire and of course to have fun! Dream Land Walk-ins, Party & Event Center, 358 Main St., Fairhaven.

Sunday, March 26th

The 2nd Annual LCpl Matthew Rodriguez Run to Remember 5k (10:00am-2:00pm)

The LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez Memorial Foundation was established in 2014 and is an approved 501(c)3 non-profit organization. LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez was a United States Marine from Fairhaven, MA that was killed in action in Now Zad, Afghanistan on December 11, 2013. We serve the community with the same patriotism and honor that Matthew served the United States of America with. To register, please visit <http://www.teamsmilingwarrior.org>. Fort Phoenix State Reservation, Fairhaven, MA.



Get healthy, stay healthy!

New Bedford Wellness Program For Adults (11:00am-3:00pm)

Special NB Well Sunday: "Sense of Peace" with Qigong, massage, nutrition, yoga, and sound healing. Peace in ourselves, peace in our world.

"Forbidden Broadway: Greatest Hits" Cabaret Theater Show (2:00pm)

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Name School, 91 Summer Street, New Bedford.

Musicians from the Handel & Haydn Society (3:00pm-5:00pm)

PROGRAM Telemann: Sinfonia Spirituosa Handel: Cantata ("Un' alma innamorata") HWV 173 Geminiani: Concerto Grosso No. 3 in E minor Telemann: Don Quixote Suite Purcell: Trumpet Sonata Handel: Let the bright seraphim Bach: Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen. Westport Point United Methodist Church, 1912 Main Road, Westport, MA.

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