

New York father arrested at Connecticut beach for allegedly trying to drown his own children

“Yesterday morning, at approximately 0231 hours, an Officer on patrol in the area of Ocean Ave and Dawson Ave observed a Nissan SUV parked on the beach.

As the Officer approached he heard significant screaming taking place from the water. As he continued towards this commotion it was apparent an adult male and two small children were in the water. As the Officer entered the water the adult male continued to drift further away with the children all while screaming at the responding officers to “stay back.”

It was obvious at this point that the male, later identified as Romney Desronvil (7-31-82) was deliberately drowning his children. Officers immediately entered the water and were nearly 100 yards away from shore at this time. Other Officers on scene joined members of the West Shore Fire Department and entered the water utilizing the West Shore Fire boat.



The initial arriving Officer was able to gain possession of both children and back up officers assisted him in bringing the children to shore. Life saving measures were provided to both children and they were immediately transported in an ambulance to a local hospital.

Members of the New Haven Police Department met the ambulance and W.H.P.D. at the town line to assist in an escort to the hospital allowing for an immediate transport for further medical assistance. Both children remain in the ICU at the hospital.

At this time Romney Desronvil of Queens, New York is in West Haven Police Custody and charges for this heinous act are pending.

It is without a doubt the swift response by our patrol officers saved the lives of these children. The communication and collaborative efforts made by the West Shore Fire Department and eventually the New Haven Police Department allowed for immediate medical aid and also the apprehension of Desronvil.

Our Detective Division have now assumed the investigation and

more information will be provided as the investigation proceeds.”-West Haven Police Department.

Guatemalan man living in Massachusetts deported for 2023 domestic assaults, sentenced for reentry

“BOSTON – A Lawrence man was sentenced today in federal court in Boston for illegally reentering the United States after being deported.

Brayan Zepeda, 33, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Julia E. Kobick to eight months in prison, to be followed by one year of supervised release. Zepeda will be subject to deportation proceedings upon completion of his sentence. On March 28, 2024, Zepeda pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful reentry of a deported alien.

Zepeda, a citizen of Guatemala, was deported from the United States on Jan. 12, 2023 after serving several state sentences for domestic assault and violation of a restraining order. At some point thereafter, Zepeda returned to the United States and was arrested by the Littleton Police Department in October 2023.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy and Todd M. Lyons, Field Office Director, Boston, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Enforcement and Removal Operations made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Grady of the Major Crimes Unit prosecuted the case.”-Massachusetts

Department of Justice.

New Bedford man shot overnight, transported to St. Luke's Hospital

"Last night at around midnight, New Bedford Police Department patrol units responded to an adult male gunshot victim outside of 110 County St.

The male was transported to the hospital where he is in stable condition.

Detectives are furthering the investigation."-City of New Bedford Police Department.

26-year-old New Bedford man charged with unlawful possession of a gun and drugs

*****DETECTIVES SEIZE A FIREARM AND NARCOTICS FROM NORTH-END MAN*****

NEW BEDFORD – Narcotics detectives have placed a male under arrest for unlawful possession of a gun and drugs.

In the late afternoon hours of June 18th, Detective Nathaniel Almeida concluded his investigation into a cocaine distribution operation being conducted out of 181 Earle St., apartment 3W, with the execution of a search warrant. The target of this investigation was Mr. DAEJHON LINO GOMES, 26.

As a result of the search that followed, GOMES was found to be in possession of over 9 grams of cocaine, 10 grams of mushrooms, packaging materials, digital scales, and over \$200 that was seized as a result of the nature of his charges. GOMES was also found to have a loaded 38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver. The gun was later found to have been stolen out of Dartmouth.

GOMES was taken into custody and charged with a variety of offenses, including unlawful possession of a stolen gun and ammunition, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, and possession of a class C substance.

If you have any information you would like to share with the police, you can do so anonymously by visiting our website, newbedfordpd.com, or by calling 508-99-CRIME."-City of New Bedford Police Department.

Dept. of Public Infrastructure's Felix Fernandez wins New Bedford Way Award

"Congratulations to New Bedford Way Award Winner Felix Fernandez!"

Fernandez has been with the City for more than 30 years, starting his career as a laborer of cemeteries and working his way to his current position as a Street & Sewer Construction Foreperson. He's been on duty for every rain or snow event over the last three decades, and is known around the DPI building as the person who does whatever is asked of him. His supervisors describe him as a "great role model" and the "backbone of DPI." Congrats Felix!

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The 2024 New Bedford Way Award winners, nominated by their supervisors, were recognized at a recent ceremony at Buttonwood Park, and we'll continue to shine a light on them next week."-City of New Bedford.

**New Bedford Police
investigating shots fired
overnight**

*****POLICE INVESTIGATING SHOTS FIRED*****

On Thursday night at approximately 11:30 PM, patrol units responded to the area of Dewolf St./Mt. Vernon St. in response to shots fired. There were no injuries; however, damage was discovered to a residence. Detectives responded to the scene and are actively investigating.

If you have any information regarding this incident or any other, you can provide it anonymously at 508-99-CRIME, or at our website, www.newbedfordpolice.com.”-City of New Bedford Police Department.

Massachusetts officials seize leopard skins, skulls of orangutan, jaguar, tiger, narwhals; one charged

U.S. also filed action to forfeit more than 100 wildlife parts including orangutan skulls, tiger skulls, jaguar skin and other parts from endangered, threatened, or protected species.

BOSTON – A Reading, Mass. man has been charged with allegedly trafficking in wildlife parts from endangered and protected species.

Adam Bied, 39, is charged with two counts of conspiracy to smuggle goods into the United States, specifically, illegally imported wildlife parts, and three counts of violating the Lacey Act which prohibits trafficking in wildlife. It is alleged that the wildlife was protected by the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as well as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).



Massachusetts Department of Justice photo.

“The illicit trafficking of endangered wildlife for financial gain is a grave offense that poses a significant threat to global conservation efforts and preservation of these species. Mr. Bied’s alleged conduct reflects a blatant disregard for the laws in place to safeguard our planet’s biodiversity. These laws and international treaties exist to protect endangered species from exploitation and to maintain ecological balance,” said Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy. “In addition to the criminal charges, our office is seeking to forfeit the hundreds of animal parts seized from Mr. Bied’s home and a storage unit, including orangutan skulls, tiger skulls and jaguar skins. This forfeiture action sends a clear message that we will not only prosecute those who engage in illegal wildlife trafficking, but also take legal actions to strip them of their ill-gotten gains.”

According to court filings, beginning at least from January 2018 until June 2021, Bied bought, sold and traded in wildlife parts and products, with knowledge that many of the transactions were in violation of U.S. laws and regulations and knowingly failed to declare this wildlife upon importation into the United States.

Specifically, Bied allegedly placed orders with individuals in Cameroon and Indonesia who were in the businesses of killing and acquiring wildlife – including endangered and protected

species – which he then resold or traded to customers in the United States. Bied did not possess a United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) import/export license or necessary CITES permits, and allegedly failed to declare the wildlife to the USFWS upon import.



Massachusetts Department of Justice photo.

The United States Attorney's Office also filed a civil forfeiture complaint seeking to forfeit over 100 wildlife parts from endangered, threatened, or protected species seized by the USFWS in July 2021 from Bied's residence, storage unit, and a vehicle. As alleged in the civil forfeiture complaint, many of the seized wildlife parts required a CITES permit and/or a USFWS declaration for lawful import and a USFWS import/export license to import wildlife for commercial purposes. Other wildlife parts are alleged to have been acquired in violation of the ESA or the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). The civil forfeiture complaint alleges that the wildlife parts are subject to civil forfeiture under federal law.

The wildlife parts identified in the civil forfeiture

complaint include:

- Orangutan skulls;
- Tiger skulls;
- Leopard skin, skulls and claw;
- Jaguar skin and skull;
- African lion skulls;
- Polar bear skull;
- Narwhal tusk;
- Otter skeleton;
- Harp seal skull;
- South American fur seal skull;
- Elephant seal skull;
- Babirusa skulls;
- Mandrillus skulls;
- Wallaby skull; and
- Jackal skull.

Federal wildlife statutes and regulations prohibit international and illegal trade in vulnerable wildlife species. The ESA, the Lacey Act and CITES, as well as the accompanying regulations, prohibit the import, export, possession, transport, purchase and sale of protected species. The restrictions apply to live and dead wildlife specimens, as well as the skins, parts and products made in whole or in part from listed species. Additional documents are also required for wildlife protected by the CITES treaty, which regulates trade in endangered or threatened species through permit requirements.

The lawful importation of vulnerable wildlife species requires a CITES permit(s). The lawful importation of any foreign species requires a USFWS wildlife declaration. Individuals are also required to have a USFWS import/export license to import wildlife for commercial purposes.

The charges of conspiracy as well as the charges under the Lacey Act each provide for a sentence of up to five years in

prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

Acting U.S. Attorney Levy and Ryan Noel, Special Agent in Charge of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement, Northeast Region, made the announcement today. This case was worked jointly with the United States Marshals Service and the Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division's Environmental Crimes Section. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Nadine Pellegrini, Chief of the National Security Unit, is prosecuting the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Carol E. Head, Chief of the Asset Recovery Unit is prosecuting the civil forfeiture case.

The details contained in the charging document and civil forfeiture complaint are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law. The United States must establish that the wildlife parts are subject to forfeiture by a preponderance of the evidence."-Massachusetts Department of Justice.

Driver trapped in truck after he plows into garage in Rochester

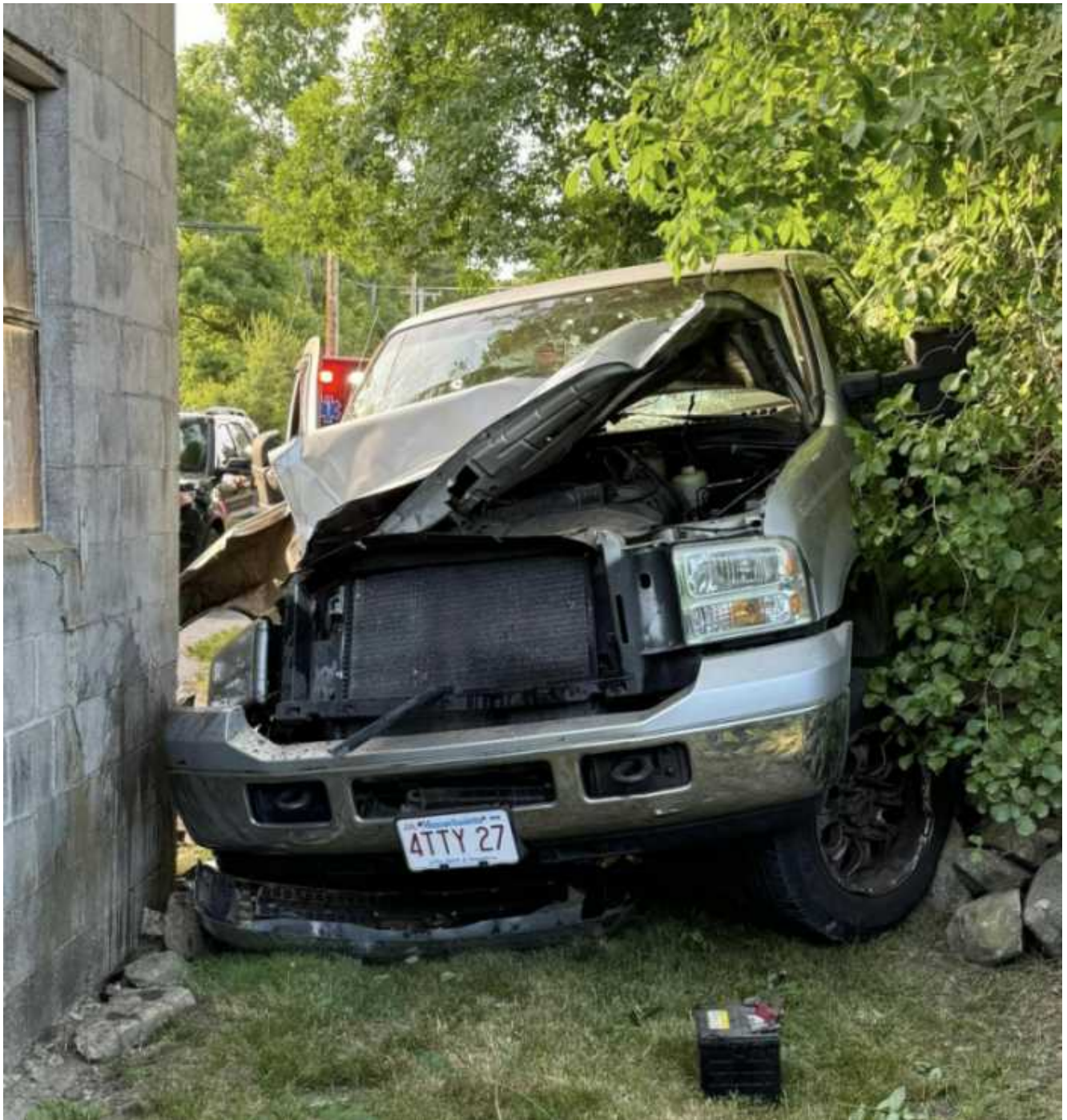
"At approximately 6:15pm yesterday evening the ROCCC 911 Communications Center received several calls for a motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Cushman Rd and New

Bedford Rd and the vehicle had crashed into a garage.

Initial reports were that the operator of the vehicle was trapped inside the vehicle. Engine 193, Tanker 198, Chief 190 and Rescue 207 were assigned to the call. While enroute responders were informed that the male had been able to get out of the vehicle.

On arrival Fire and EMS personnel found a very heavily damaged vehicle. The operator of the vehicle was evaluated by EMS and transported to Tobey Hospital with minor injuries. There was only minor damage to the garage.

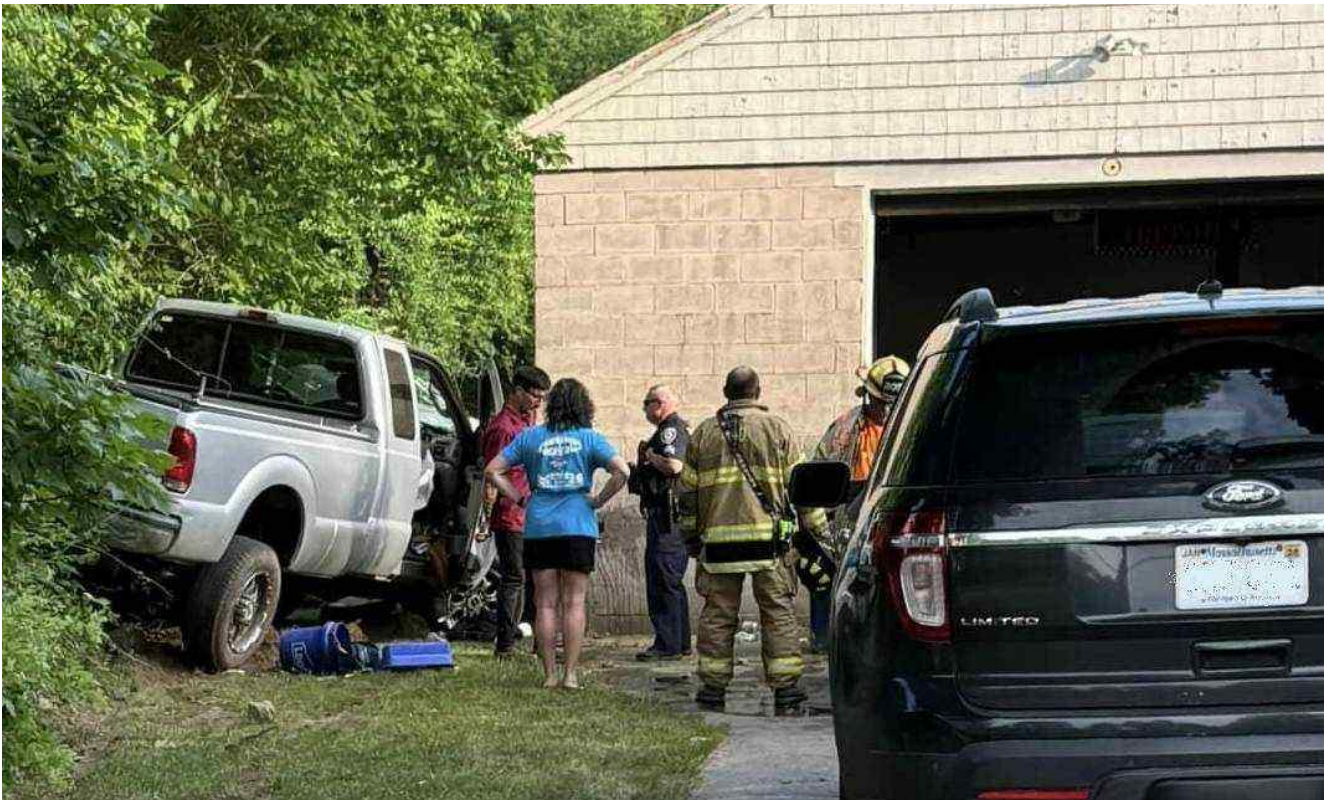
The Rochester Police are investigating the cause of the accident.”-Rochester Fire Department.



Rochester Fire Department photo.



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SILVER ALERT: Family, police seek public's help finding missing 69-year-old Plymouth man

"WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Unfortunately, we have not found Mr. Riviello yet. Dozens of Officers are still searching. We would ask that all residents give their property a thorough check, searching anywhere that a person could be.

Mr. Riviello left the BID Plymouth at approximately 11:15 AM yesterday, heading towards Jabez Corner. From there, we have no idea where he went.

We would also ask that residents review their Ring/CCTV cameras to see if they have any footage of Mr. Riviello walking by.

Today, the search has extended out five miles from the the hospital which includes most villages of Plymouth.



Plymouth Police Department photo.

ORIGINAL POST:

"We are looking to locate Rodney Riviello.

He is a 69-year-old male with a history of dementia. He was last seen at the Beth Israel Deaconess in Plymouth at 11:15 this morning.

He is a bald heavy set white male wearing a collared striped shirt blue shorts and possibly a Yankees baseball hat.

If you believe you have seen the individual please call us immediately.

We would ask that anybody within a 2 mile radius of the Beth Israel, Deaconess Hospital search their property for Mr. Riviello."-Plymouth Police Department.



Plymouth Police Department photo.

Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Beaches's Valovia Costa wins New Bedford Way Award

"Congratulations to New Bedford Way Award Winner Valovia Costa, Department of Parks, Recreation & Beaches!

As an Assistant Project Manager, Costa has successfully managed several construction projects in the parks, including the stormwater garden at Brooklawn Park. He's a regular at neighborhood meetings and frequently joins community groups who sponsor litter pickups on weekends.

Assisting the public is one of his favorite parts of working for the City: he's currently working with an Eagle Scout on a project at the Flora B. Peirce Nature Trail in the North End, and recently helped the mother of a deceased New Bedford veteran with a plaque at Clasky Common. Congrats Valovia!

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