

Massachusetts State Police mourn passing of K9 “Tank,” longtime partner of Trooper Janeczak

“It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Massachusetts State Police K9 Tank, the longtime partner of Trooper Thomas Janeczak. Tank passed away Monday evening after a short battle with a vicious infection. Trooper Janeczak was by Tank’s side when he passed.

Tank joined the Massachusetts State Police in 2014 when he and Trooper Janeczak were certified through the unit’s Patrol School and Narcotic Detection School. Tank was an excellent dog with an enviable reputation of success, who brought great pride to Trooper Janeczak, the Unit, and the Department. Like all police dogs, he made innumerable contributions to our mission to protect the public, and he made the state a better place for countless citizens – people who live and raise their families here, and who would never know or see him, but for whom life was safer because of the criminals and drugs Tank helped take off the streets of their neighborhoods.

Moreover, Tank was a loyal partner, friend, and member of Trooper Janeczak’s family and our Massachusetts State Police family.

Lt. Erik Ramsland, the K9 Unit commander, asked his unit members to do the following: “In memory of K-9 Tank, spend a little more time with your partner on your next shift, a few more tosses of the ball, a few more minutes of free time. Enjoy that special time together.”

Thank you, Tank. You served with honor and bravery. You have earned well your free time now, in the sunlit green meadows

across the bridge.

Fairhaven Police Department seek public's help in finding missing and endangered man

"This alert is being sent by the Detective Division of The Fairhaven Police Department.

Missing and endangered: A 73-year-old Kenneth Parks. 6'3" tall, medium build. Was last seen wearing a black jacket, grey sweatpants, beige shoes. Kenneth is nonverbal. Last seen in the area of Cushman Park in Fairhaven at approximately 2:00 p.m this afternoon.

If you have seen or know the whereabouts please contact the Fairhaven Police at 508-997-7421."

Boston Police Superintendent- in-Chief Long releases statement on having conviction of murder of Det.

Mulligan overturned

"A Message from Boston Police Superintendent-in-Chief Gregory Long

The reprehensible and corrupt behavior of three former members of the Boston Police Department has caused the conviction in the 1993 murder of Detective John Mulligan to be overturned. Those three detectives not only disgraced themselves, but unfortunately their conduct was used to tarnish the reputation of the entire Boston Police Department.

The Boston Police Department does not and will not tolerate corruption. Every day the members of the Boston Police Department proudly wear their uniform to serve and protect the people of the city. In this case, the actions of a few have significantly impacted the image of the countless members of the Boston Police Department who worked tirelessly, honestly and honorably to bring justice to the Mulligan family.

As Justice Carol Ball stated in her 2015 decision granting the defendant a new trial, "...the conclusions reached here should not be read as an indictment of the many honest and honorable Boston Police officers who worked on the Mulligan murder investigation. Moreover, twenty years after these events, this judge is acutely aware of the strides made by the Boston Police Department in the professional handling of the investigation and prosecution of their cases. This is particularly true of the Homicide Department, which is deservedly held in particularly high regard by this judge."

Recognizing the issues that surround this case, the Boston Police Department's belief remains the same, that there was sufficient credible evidence to support a conviction for illegal firearm possession. As Judge Ball stated in her 2015 decision, "[the motion for new trial is] denied as to the firearm convictions as no real doubt as to the justice of

those convictions has been established.”

In closing, and most importantly, the Department wants to acknowledge the continued pain and suffering of the Mulligan family. Our support for them has never wavered.”

4 Brockton homes burgled and intentionally set afire by arson

Brockton Fire Department responded to three fires in the early morning hours of March 17, 2021. These fires were intentionally set.

A few minutes before 1 a.m. a 5-alarm fire destroyed the “State House” building on the Brockton Fairgrounds. Shortly thereafter, a brush fire occurred at the Junior/Senior High School at 271 West Street. At 1:15 a.m., Brockton Police responded to a burglary at the Sears store in the Westgate Mall. Shortly after the break-in, there was a brush fire in the D.W. Fields Park.

In addition, a fourth fire was discovered this morning at Marciano Stadium where an item was burned on the football field and damaged the artificial turf.

The outside fires and the burglary are connected and investigators believe the Fairgrounds fire was most likely set by the same people.

Investigators are releasing a photo of a person of interest in these incidents. If you know who this person is or have any other information about the fires, please call the Arson

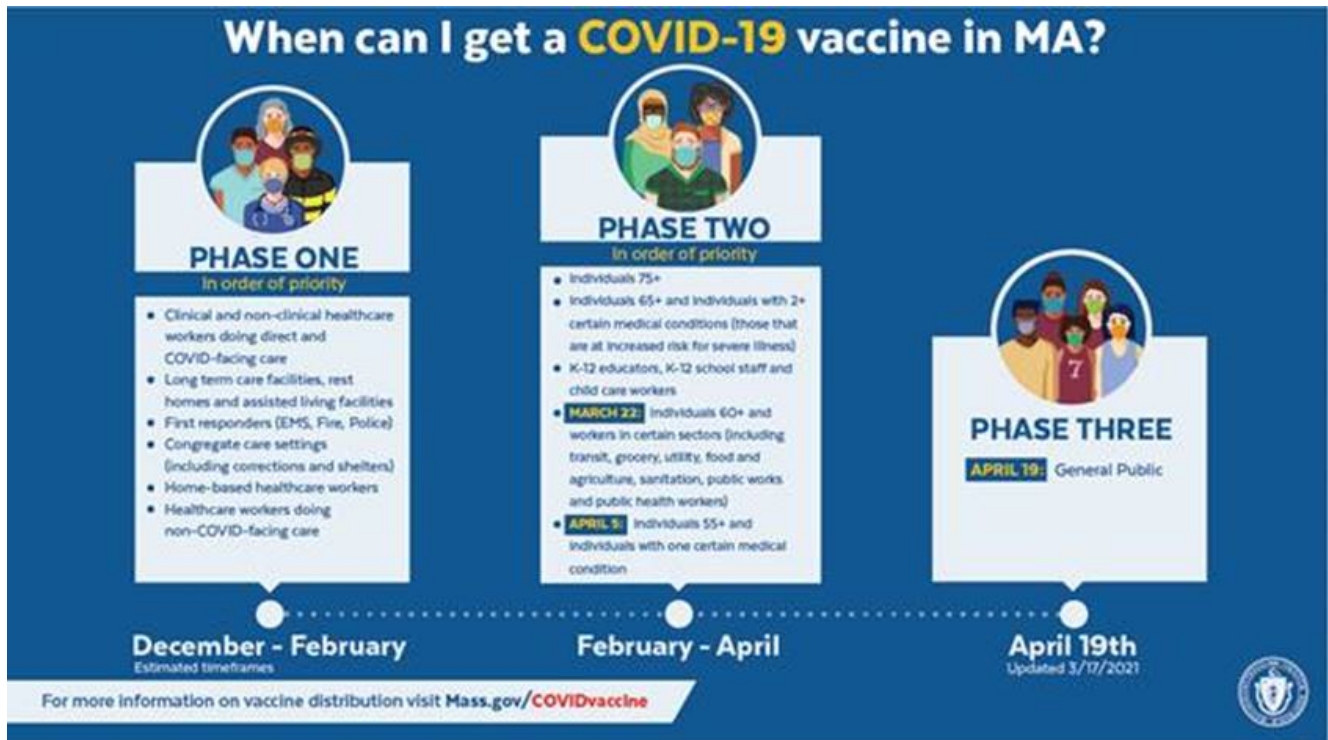
Hotline at 1-800-682-9229. You can also call the Brockton Police Department at 508-941-0200 or the Brockton Fire Department at 508 583-2933. All calls are confidential. The Arson Hotline is part of the Arson Watch Reward Program that offers up to \$5000 for information that helps to solve the crime of arson. It is sponsored by the Property and Casualty Insurance Underwriting companies of Massachusetts.

The fires are being jointly investigated by the Brockton Fire and Police Departments and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Governor Baker Announces Vaccine Timeline for All Residents

Today, the Baker-Polito Administration announced the timeline for all remaining residents to be eligible for a vaccine.

The Administration also announced the weekly distribution of vaccine doses statewide for providers and a new \$24.7 million investment in the Administration's Vaccine Equity Initiative.



Vaccine Eligibility Timeline

Governor Baker today announced the dates that all remaining residents and certain worker groups will be eligible for a vaccine.

The Commonwealth's detailed timeline adheres to the original timeline for the three phases announced in December.

All residents can preregister to book an appointment at a mass vaccination site at mass.gov/COVIDVaccine.

Appointments will be offered based on eligibility and available appointments nearby. It is expected that more sites will come online as part of the preregistration process in April.

Timeline for remaining groups:

March 22nd: Residents 60+ and certain workers

April 5th: Residents 55+ and residents with one certain medical condition

April 19th: General public ages 16 years of age and older

The full timeline is available at mass.gov/COVIDVaccinePhases.

The Administration has received assurances from the federal government that an increased vaccine supply will be available to states soon.

Depending on supply, it could take weeks for people to be notified that an appointment is available at a mass vaccination site.

Dose Update

The Administration provided the weekly update for doses allocated from the federal government.

This week, the state is receiving a modest increase in supply of first doses, approximately 170,000. This includes an unexpected 8,000 doses of J&J vaccine.

In total, the Commonwealth will receive 316,000 first and second doses as part of the state allocation. These figures do not include doses provided through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program or to Federally Qualified Health Centers.

This week, first doses and second dose state allocations (total doses), were distributed among providers as follows:

Mass vaccination locations: 101,890

Health systems and health care providers (excluding CHCs): 99,230

Community Health Centers: 27,450

Regional Collaboratives and Local Boards of Health: 59,580

Regional Collaboratives: 40,370

Local Boards of Health: 19,210

Retail pharmacies (non-CVS)

State allocation: 8,490

Mobile Clinics supporting long-term care facilities, congregate care, affordable/low-income senior housing and homebound individuals: 19,180

Weekly allocations are subject to change based on federal availability, demand from providers, and obligations to meet second doses. Providers have 10 days to use their doses and must meet specific performance thresholds.

Federal Doses:

In addition to the state allocation, the federal government distributes vaccines to CVS Health sites as part of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership as well as to certain Massachusetts federally qualified community health centers. These quantities fluctuate on a weekly basis and are not counted as part of the state's weekly allocation.

This week, 106,440 first and second doses have been allocated to the retail pharmacy program and 9,500 doses have been allocated to the federally qualified health centers.

Individuals looking to book appointments across any of these providers should visit mass.gov/COVIDvaccine to learn more.

Vaccine Equity Initiative

The Administration also announced the release of \$27.4 million in federal funds to increase trust, vaccine acceptance and administration rates as part of the Administration's Vaccine Equity Initiative and to meet the needs of priority populations. Recognizing equity as a critical component of the state's vaccine distribution plan, the Department of Public Health (DPH) is working closely with 20 hardest hit communities in Massachusetts as they identify their specific community needs, further building on existing support.

These federal funds from the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention (CDC) build upon current and past efforts supporting vaccination in these communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and includes partnerships with municipalities, local boards of health, community- and faith-based organizations, community health centers and others to reduce barriers to vaccination. These funds also will provide direct vaccine administration to populations that are not effectively reached through existing vaccine supply channels.

These federal funds include:

\$10.6 million to provide direct assistance with vaccine access, including appointment registration assistance, transportation to vaccination clinics, mobility assistance, medical interpretation, and other supports. These services will be delivered through contracted community-based organizations (CBOs), community health centers (CHCs), and behavioral health providers.

\$5.1 million to invest in community health centers through the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers to expand vaccination capacity at community health centers, including Community Health Worker Ambassadors.

\$4.7 million to support municipalities and local boards of health through direct funding of the 20 equity municipalities for coordination and support for vaccine clinics and acceptance.

\$4 million to help tailor community outreach and education through direct funding of local community-based and faith-based organizations in the 20 equity municipalities.

\$3 million for direct vaccine administration in community settings by funding qualified organizations to directly administer vaccination to groups not effectively reached by other mechanisms.

These activities will build on DPH-supported initiatives

already in progress, such as outreach and collaboration with community and faith-based organizations, increased connections and investment in Community Health Centers, and grassroots neighborhood outreach by teams of trained staff and residents led by Archipelago Strategies Group (ASG), a minority-owned business, and Health Care For All (HCFA).

Other activities already underway include the DPH COVID-19 Vaccine Ambassador Program, which has assisted with dozens of local meetings to answer questions about vaccine, wide dissemination and amplification of the state's "Trust the Facts. Get the Vax." multilingual public awareness campaign, and the DPH Community Liaisons who are meeting weekly with representatives from the communities to identify and lift barriers to vaccine access and support community-based solutions.

The Administration's Vaccine Equity Initiative focuses on 20 cities and towns with the greatest COVID-19 case burden, taking into account social determinants of health and the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC). These communities are Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Everett, Fall River, Fitchburg, Framingham, Haverhill, Holyoke, Lawrence, Leominster, Lowell, Lynn, Malden, Methuen, New Bedford, Randolph, Revere, Springfield, and Worcester.

Member of New Bedford Latin Kings Chapter pleads guilty

to Racketeering Conspiracy

A former member of the New Bedford Chapter of the Massachusetts Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation ("Latin Kings") pleaded guilty today to racketeering and drug charges.

Natanael Velazquez, a/k/a "King Nael," 21, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to conduct enterprise affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity, more commonly referred to as RICO conspiracy. U.S. Senior District Court Judge Rya W. Zobel scheduled sentencing for June 22, 2021.

The Latin Kings are a violent criminal enterprise comprised of thousands of members across the United States. The Latin Kings adhere to a national manifesto, employ an internal judiciary and use a sophisticated system of communication to maintain the hierarchy of the organization. As alleged in court documents, the gang uses drug distribution to generate revenue, and engages in violence against witnesses and rival gangs to further its influence and to protect its turf.

In December 2019, a federal grand jury returned an indictment alleging racketeering conspiracy, drug conspiracy and firearms charges against 62 leaders, members and associates of the Latin Kings. Natanael Velazquez is the 41st defendant to plead guilty in the case.

The RICO conspiracy charge provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell; Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Field Division; Commissioner Carol Mici of the Massachusetts Department of Correction; and New Bedford Police Chief Joseph C. Cordeiro made the announcement today.

Valuable assistance was also provided by the FBI North Shore Gang Task Force and the Bristol County and Suffolk County District Attorney's Offices. Assistant U.S. Attorney Philip A. Mallard and Lauren Graber of Mendell's Criminal Division are prosecuting the case.

This effort is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) operation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach. Additional information about the OCDETF Program can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/OCDETF>.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The remaining defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Boston Police Department seek public's help in identifying tagging suspects

"Detectives from the Boston Police Department are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the above individuals who are suspected of vandalizing four motor vehicles.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at about 3:40 AM in the area of 375 Harrison Avenue. The Boston Police Department continues to actively review the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident.

Anyone with information is strongly urged to contact detectives assigned to District D-4 (South End) at (617) 343-4683.

Community members with information relative to this incident who wish to assist anonymously can do so calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to assist this investigation in an anonymous manner."

New Bedford Man Agrees to Plead Guilty to Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine

A New Bedford man agreed to pleaded guilty on Monday to his role in a cocaine distribution conspiracy.

Victor Alejandro-Carrillo, 26, agreed to plead guilty to one count of conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine, one count of conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine and one count of conspiring to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin and 40 grams or more of fentanyl. U.S. Senior District Court Judge Douglas P. Woodlock deferred accepting Alejandro-Carrillo's plea until his sentencing hearing, which is scheduled for July 19, 2021. Alejandro-Carrillo was charged in December 2019, along with 12 co-defendants.

From at least June 2017 through December 2019, it is alleged

that Alejandro-Carrillo was involved in a cocaine distribution conspiracy in which he agreed with others to receive parcels containing cocaine that had been shipped from Puerto Rico to Massachusetts. Upon receipt of the parcels, Alejandro-Carrillo made arrangements to deliver the cocaine to co-conspirators. Investigators intercepted a number of communications between the defendant and co-conspirators in furtherance of that conspiracy and seized multiple parcels containing kilograms of cocaine. In total, Alejandro-Carrillo possessed and conspired to distribute at least 17.9 kilograms of cocaine.

In addition, from at least February 2019 through December 2019, Alejandro-Carrillo was allegedly involved in another cocaine distribution conspiracy. As a part of that conspiracy, Alejandro-Carrillo communicated with co-conspirators to purchase varying quantities of cocaine on multiple occasions for re-distribution. In addition, from approximately February 2019 through April 2019, Alejandro-Carrillo was involved in a conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin and 40 grams or more of fentanyl. Investigators intercepted communications with respect to both of those conspiracies as well.

The charge of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine provides for a minimum sentence of 10 years and up to life in prison, at least five years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$10 million. The charge of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute cocaine provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, at least three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$1 million. The charge of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin and 40 grams or more of fentanyl provides for a minimum sentence of five years and up to 40 years in prison, at least four years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$5 million. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S.

Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell; Brian D. Boyle, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, New England Field Division; Joseph Cronin, Inspector in Charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Boston Division; and New Bedford Police Chief Joseph C. Cordeiro made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Estes of Mendell's Narcotics and Money Laundering Unit is prosecuting the case.

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New Bedford Fire Department respond to structure fire on Palmer Street

Shortly after 0900 hrs. yesterday morning, Engine 6 was returning from getting fuel when they observed smoke in the area of Palmer Street in the west end. 911 calls were also received at 0911 hrs. reporting a structure fire at 287 Palmer

Street. Upon their arrival, fire had already extended up the exterior wall and into the single-family dwelling.

In addition to extinguishing the exterior fire, crews brought multiple hose lines to the second floor and attic to extinguish a fire that had extended to the interior.

Engines 1, 6, 7, Ladders 1 and 3 responded with Command Units 1 and 2. NBPD, NBEMS, and the Providence Canteen provided on-scene support. NBEMS transported one resident to St. Luke's Hospital for evaluation.

The American Red Cross is assisting the five displaced residents. Animal Control assisted with shelter for two dogs, two cats, and birds.

The cause of the fire is being investigated by the Fire Investigation Unit and appears to be accidental.



New Bedford Fire Department photo.



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Former Olympian, Mainwaring arraigned on Indecent Assault

and Battery charges; Massachusetts State Police believe there are more victims

Berkshire District Attorney Andrea Harrington announced today that the Berkshire Superior Court arraigned Conrad Mainwaring on 12 counts of indecent assault and battery.

Troopers assigned to the Berkshire State Police Detective Unit attached to Harrington's office completed the rendition of Mainwaring from California late last week in preparation for today's appearance.

Mainwaring had not guilty pleas entered on his behalf on the charges. Judge John Agostini set bail at \$200,000 with conditions that Mainwaring have no contact with children under the age of 16, surrender his passport, confirm whereabouts with probation, and waive rendition.

The Berkshire District Attorney's Office previously obtained the indictments on the 69-year-old former Olympian for nine counts of indecent assault and battery on a child over the age of 14 and three counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14. The investigation was launched by the Berkshire State Police Detective Unit upon receipt of open-source media information from ESPN reporting the alleged incidents in great detail.

Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers arrested Mainwaring on the fugitive from justice warrant with Mainwaring subsequently waiving extradition. The charges are the result of a multi-year, multi-jurisdictional investigation conducted by the Berkshire State Police Detective Unit into dozens of allegations of indecent assault and batteries

committed by Mainwaring.

He allegedly committed these acts while employed as a counselor at Camp Greylock in Becket in the 1970s. The State Police investigation consisted of extensive follow up on various leads and interviews across numerous states and college campuses across the country.

"I thank the State Police investigators who continue to work tirelessly on this case. We believe that there are many other victims and we ask them to contact local law enforcement or the Berkshire State Police Detective Unit as we continue to seek justice," District Attorney Andrea Harrington said.

"We take allegations of adults who abuse their position of trust by preying on youth very seriously and will continue to focus our prosecutorial resources on holding perpetrators of these crimes accountable."

The Massachusetts State Police and Berkshire State Police investigators believe there are other victims and witnesses across the country who have yet to come forward. Investigators have established a dedicated phone line within the Berkshire Detective Unit for victims and witnesses in this case to report any information.

Victims and witnesses are encouraged to contact investigators on this dedicated telephone line at:

413-449-5863.

Assistant District Attorney Megan Tesoniero is prosecuting the case.

Berkshire District Attorney Andrea Harrington's office serves all 32 cities and towns in Berkshire County. The office represents the Commonwealth in more than 7,500 criminal cases per year in Berkshire Superior Court, three district courts, three juvenile courts, Massachusetts Appeals Court, and

Supreme Judicial Court. The office works closely with the State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Berkshire District Attorney's Office, the Berkshire Law Enforcement Task Force, and collaborates with local police departments across the county. A dedicated staff of more than 50 prioritizes public safety, empowering victims and witnesses through services and support, and building a safe community for everyone and especially the most vulnerable.