

# New Bedford man arrested for breaking and entering

Shortly after noontime south end officers responded to a break in progress call in the area of Fair and Hall St. An alert neighbor spotted a male break a window to the home in the rear of the house and climb inside. The residents were not home at the time. Officer Jose Correia, first on scene, spotted the suspect through the first floor window and called for backup.



A perimeter was set up and K-9 Officer Dean Lawrence arrived with his dog, Loki. The suspect was found hiding in a third floor apartment.

It appears that during the perimeter setup, the suspect made his way up to the third floor and entered an apartment that was vacant and under renovation. Once inside the suspect locked the door behind him. He was taken into custody without incident. He is also wanted out of the state of New Jersey on probation violations for similar crimes.

Scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon in New Bedford district court; Jose Luis Alvarez-Ruiz age 38 of New Bedford.

He is facing two counts of Breaking and Entering a dwelling in the daytime with the intent to commit a felony.

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# House Of Bricks presents Veteran Slam on Saturday, November 14th



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House Of Bricks Pro Wrestling in association with the VFW Poirier Post presents "Veteran Slam" on Saturday November 14th, 2015 at the VFW Poirier Post on 281 Appleton St. in New Bedford. The doors open at 6pm, and the bell time is 7pm.

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**State Police have announced  
sobriety checkpoint in**

# Plymouth County



*It will be operated during varied hours, the selection of vehicles will not be arbitrary.*

Colonel Richard D. McKeon, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police, announced that a “Sobriety Checkpoint” will be implemented by the Massachusetts State Police on a Public Way in the Counties named below. The purpose is to further educate the motoring public and strengthen the public’s awareness to the need of detecting and removing those motorists who operate under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs from our roadways. It will be operated during varied hours, the selection of vehicles will not be arbitrary, safety will be assured, and any inconveniences to motorists will be minimized with advance notice to reduce fear and anxiety.

A “SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT” WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNTIES LISTED BELOW:

Plymouth Friday November 13, 2015 into Saturday November 14, 2015

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# My Backyard: A film series exploring National Parks and Public Lands on AHA! night November 12th



*Did you know that the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is in your backyard? Find out about this and other nearby national parks and public lands on AHA!*

Night, November 12. Park Stewards, one of the youth groups of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, explored a number of these locations and created a short video series called, "My Backyard." The movie transports you through the

sights and sounds of Cape Cod National Seashore, Blackstone River, Boston Harbor Islands, and New Bedford's Underground Railroad and waterfront. The free, hour long film will be shown at 6:00 pm on Thursday, November 12 in the Corson Maritime Learning Center, at New Bedford Whaling national Historical Park, 33 William St., downtown New Bedford. AHA! (Art, History & Architecture) is New Bedford's free downtown cultural night and collaborative cultural organization with over 60 downtown venue partners. For more information about AHA, go to [ahanewbedford.org](http://ahanewbedford.org).

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## **UPDATE: State Police Investigate Fatal Crash Involving Ejected Passenger**

This morning, at about 3:11 a.m., troopers from the State Police Barracks in Milton responded to a report of a pedestrian struck on Route 24 northbound by exit 20 in the town of Stoughton. Preliminary information collected in the investigation by Trooper Johnathon Nickles indicates that a 1999 Acura was traveling northbound, when for reason still under investigation, crashed causing the passenger of the vehicle to be ejected.

The ejected passenger was then struck by the following six vehicles. A 2005 Lincoln LS, being operated by a 60 year-old male from Brockton; a 2009 Audi Q7, operated by a 45 year-old female from Mattapan; a 2007 Lexus IS250, operated by a 21 year-old male from Brockton; a 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe, operated by a 36 year-old male from Nashua, NH; a 2009 Toyota Matrix,

operated by a 49 year-old female from Middleborough. The occupants of the listed vehicles were not injured. However, the operator a 2008 Ford Fusion, a 28 year old male from Roslindale was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital for treatment of injuries he sustained from the crash.

The identity of the deceased passenger, a 21 year-old male from Brockton, is not being released at this time pending next of kin notification. The cause of the ejection remains under investigation.

The operator of the Acura, a 20-year-old male from Brockton, was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital for treatment of injuries he sustained from the crash. His identity will not be released at this time. Charges for the operator are under investigation.

The northbound side of Route 24 was shut down for several hours for the investigation and was reopened at approximately 8:55 a.m.

The cause of this crash remains under investigation with assistance from the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section (CARS), the State Police Crime Scene Services Section, the Office of the District Attorney and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

State Police were also assisted on scene by Stoughton Fire and EMS, Stoughton Police, and MassDOT.

There is no further information available at this time. Updates will follow when additional information becomes available. Please do not contact the barracks for media inquiries.

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# **UPDATE: State Police Investigating Car Into Water**

This evening at about 6:40 p.m., State Police responded to a report of a vehicle which had driven off Charles River Dam Road in Boston near Leverett Circle and had entered the water.

Preliminary information collected in the investigation by Trooper Edward Hunter indicates that a 2010 Toyota Tacoma pickup truck was traveling on Nashua Street in Boston. The vehicle traveled through a red light at Leverett Circle and side-swiped a 2008 Acura MDX which was already traveling northbound in the circle. The pickup then traveled off Charles River Dam Road and entered the water on the east side of the northbound travel lanes of the roadway, across from the State Police barracks, just north of Leverett Circle. The pickup was fully submerged. The two occupants, BRIAN ARCAND, 36, of North Smithfield, Rhode Island and REBECCA SMITH, 36, of Providence, Rhode Island, were extricated from the vehicle and transported to Massachusetts General Hospital with life-threatening injuries. They were subsequently pronounced dead at the hospital. The driver of the Acura, a 35-year-old woman from Milton, and her passenger, a 36-year-old woman from New York, were both uninjured in the crash.

The State Police Marine Unit, State Police Dive Team, and divers from Boston and Cambridge Fire Departments continued to search the waters and determined that no one else was in the Toyota at the time of the crash.

This crash remains under investigation with assistance from the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, the State Police Crime Scene Services Section, State



Police Troop H Detectives, and members of the State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office.

No further information is available at this time. Please do not contact the barracks for media inquiries.

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## **Alzheimer's Art Show and Movie Screening in New Bedford Open to the Public**



*Artwork created by individuals diagnosed with dementia will also be on display for the event.*

The Southeastern Massachusetts Alzheimer's Partnership in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association, MA/NH Chapter

will host a free screening of the documentary The Genius of Marian and an art show. The event will take place Thursday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the UMass Dartmouth College of Visual and Performing Arts Star Shore Building, 715 Purchase Street, New Bedford.

The Genius of Marian is a deeply intimate documentary that explores Alzheimer's disease, the power of art and the meaning of family. The film follows Pam White in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease as her son, the filmmaker, documents her struggle to hang on to a sense of self .

Artwork created by individuals diagnosed with dementia will also be on display for the event. The screening is free and open to the public, to RSVP contact Patricia Midurski at 508-992-6278 or [pmidurski@communitynurse.com](mailto:pmidurski@communitynurse.com).

The Alzheimer's Association is dedicated to providing care and support for those affected by the disease, as well as advancing research into causes, treatments and cures. With headquarters in Watertown, and regional offices in Raynham, Springfield, and Worcester, MA and Bedford NH, the Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter provides programs and services such as support groups, professional training, educational programs, care consultation and a 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900. For more information visit [www.alz.org/MANH](http://www.alz.org/MANH).

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**A Grant has been awarded to**

# Improve Ross C. Mathieu Nature Trail in Pulaski Park



*The grant was in the amount of \$22,893 to rehabilitate and improve the Ross C. Mathieu Trail*

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation has awarded New Bedford's Department of Parks Recreation and Beaches a grant in the amount of \$22,893 to rehabilitate and improve the Ross C. Mathieu Trail in Pulaski Park. The City sought this state funding to support its collaboration with Mass in Motion New Bedford (MiM NB), the Casimir Pulaski Elementary School and Youth Build to restore and improve the nature trail.

The Ross C. Mathieu Nature Trail is located in the northern section of New Bedford and occupies the majority of the 14-acre Pulaski Park, containing a trail system approximately 1 mile in length that meanders through forested wetlands.

In 1996 the trail system was established in memory of Ross Charles Mathieu, a former Pulaski School student. Initial work on the trail was accomplished under the direction of Robert Rocha of Coalition for Buzzards Bay with partial funding from several local supporters, including the teachers of the Pulaski School.

During the spring and summer of 2014, stakeholder groups, families and neighbors began to clear portions of the trails and complete an assessment of the scope of work needed to rehabilitate the trail system. It was determined that several bog bridges needed replacing, the outdoor classroom needed repairing, more trail clearing was necessary and new signage should be developed and installed.

As part of the project, new trail connections to the park proper, the school and the neighborhood to the north will be created to enhance the recreational experience and create more opportunities for trail use. The new connection to the school will allow the school community better access to the outdoor classroom. The new connection to the neighborhood to the north will serve as a Safe Routes to School trail.

This project is a great opportunity to add another Safe Routes to School (SRTS) site in the City of New Bedford, fulfilling the goals of MiM NB and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to increase opportunities for students to walk to and from school, increase physical activity and reduce traffic congestion at the start and end of the school day. The enhanced trail will provide parents living in the Sassaquin neighborhood off Pequot Street an alternative to driving their children around the woodland area and dropping them off at school. MiM NB will lead the effort in coordinating school

staff and resources to create a walking school bus connecting students living in that neighborhood to the school. Walking school buses have been shown to increase student attendance and provide a safe means for incorporating daily physical activity. SRTS is a national initiative to get children and families moving and active.

The first stage of work will begin this fall with an assessment of the construction needs related to the bog bridges. YouthBuild will clear trails, recreate the outdoor classroom space, and construct the bridges and other amenities. The final phase of the project will be the installation of the bridges and interpretative signage.

Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches Mary Rapoza said the project to develop a new brochure with a current trail map, along with the newly created bog bridges, properly cleared pathways, and new trail connections will make the Ross C. Mathieu trails easier to navigate and more inviting to city residents. "All residents will have access to a high-quality nature trail system they can enjoy. It will serve as an escape from urban life without leaving the city limits. This project will help to better connect students and residents with their environment," Rapoza said.

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**Hampden County Drug Task  
Force Seize 2000 bags of**

# Heroin in Springfield



Yesterday, members of the Hampden County Drug Task Force announced the arrest of JOSE RAMERIZ for trafficking Heroin. RAMERIZ, was the subject in a month long investigation to a drug trafficking operation out of Springfield. On November 5th, RAMERIZ was arrested for selling 40 half-packs, approximately 2000 bags of a substance believed to be Heroin at his residence in Springfield. Each Heroin pack was stamped with "NIKE" and "Hollywood".

JOSE RAMERIZ, 30, of Springfield was placed under arrest and charged with the following offenses;

1. Distribution Class "A" Substance (Heroin), Subsequent Offense.
2. Trafficking in Heroin 36-100 less than 100 grams.
3. Violation of a Drug Free School Zone.

RAMERIZ was booked at the State Police barracks in Springfield and held on bail pending his arraignment in Springfield District Court today.

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# Faces Of New Bedford – #23: Kathy Plante

Meet Kathy Plante, a 57-year-old Registered Nurse of 36 years and Professor at Bristol Community College.



Kathy is not only a full-time faculty member at BCC, she is also a full-time wife, mother, and student at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, working towards her PhD in Nurse Research.

For Kathy, there was no one moment or experience in her life that made her decide to become a nurse. Innately, she always knew that nursing was her goal. After much hard work and determination, she graduated from the Nursing Program at Bristol Community College—the same program where she educates students, today. Kathy went on to work at St. Luke's Hospital in the the Labor and Delivery and Maternity departments for 27 years, caring for thousands the citizens from our city and local community.

With a profession that is in such a high demand, Kathy could have gone anywhere for work, but chose New Bedford for so many reasons. With deep Madeiran roots, she loves the Portuguese

culture of our city. She and her husband, Steve, volunteer every year at our annual Feast of the Blessed Sacrament. Kathy and her husband also love the atmosphere of the downtown area, frequenting the shops and restaurants that call it home.

Although Kathy has moved on from a life-long dream at St. Luke's Hospital, she has moved on to another life-long dream in her current position as an Associate Professor of Nursing at BCC. The best part of her job is the students, who come from various backgrounds and age groups. With the course load being so demanding, she is encouraged to see non-traditional college students, some even older than herself, persevere, graduate, and achieve their dreams.

Returning to education for her Bachelors, Masters, and PhD, 27 years after graduating, Kathy is an advocate and "cheerleader" to all returning students, no matter what age they are.

*"As a current student, I know what it is like to work full-time while going to school full-time. I know what it's like to lose my weekends and miss out on family events, but in the end, it will be worth all the hard work and sacrifice."*

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