

New Bedford cold weather overflow shelter open tonight, December 17

Due to the expected storm conditions, the overflow will be opened again tonight. All inquiries can be forwarded to Sister Rose House and 1-800-homeless.

All guests should plan to arrive for 6:00pm and the cutoff time will be 8:30pm. Dinner will be served between 6:00pm and 7:30pm and we wrap up between 9:45pm and 10pm.

As a reminder, the overflow will be activated on nights that the temperature is expected to be at 28 degrees or less. If the temperature were to drop below 28 at 4 or 5:00am rather than 7 or 8:00pm as an example, it doesn't ensure that the overflow would open. All guests are expected to get up at 5:00 am and exit the premises by 6 or 7:00am.

Also, precipitation or snow alone doesn't ensure that the overflow will open but are taken into consideration coupled with the temperatures. We also view the feel like temps, so as an example if the temperature was expected to be at 30 degrees but the wind-chill coupled with rain or snow presents or "feels like" 25 degrees then the overflow would be activated.

Every year we always have grey area days but we do the best in our judgment to make the right call. On days that we are expected to open an email blast will be sent by 12pm.

Also, 1-800-homeless will notify any callers if the overflow will be open on expected days. This will be our 4th season and with all the challenges at any given time, we are hopeful to continue safe operations and save lives, especially on the coldest nights. We also are looking for extra help, especially if the number of guests expected on any given night reaches

30. We also have 25 guests on the main floor so manpower is very important.

Dartmouth Police Detail Officer Assists in the Arrests of Two Breaking and Entering Suspects from New Bedford

“On Monday, December 16, 2019 at approximately 11:06 a.m., while working a detail on Cove Road, Dartmouth Police Detective Jose CATANA stopped a vehicle occupied by two (2) men, after the operator went through a posted detour sign.

Simultaneous to Detective CATANA stopping the vehicle, Dartmouth Police were dispatched to High Street for a report of two (2) suspicious men walking around in the area.

Upon checking a home in the area on High Street where the men were reportedly last seen, officers confirmed with the homeowner that a break had occurred.

After relaying this information to Detective CATANA, who was now accompanied by other officers, it was discovered that the two men were responsible for the break in, and that they had property from the residence inside of the vehicle.

As a result of this incident, Dartmouth Police arrested Hubert SANTOS, 25, of Deane Street, New Bedford, and Jonathan BRITO, 29, of Bullock Street, New Bedford.

SANTOS was charged with receiving stolen property and use of a motor vehicle in the commission of a felony.

BRITO was charged with receiving stolen property, use of a motor vehicle in the commission of a felony, operating after suspension, marked lanes violation, no inspection sticker.

According to Dartmouth Chief of Police Brian P. LEVESQUE, "Not only are these arrests a perfect example of the importance of great teamwork, but they also show how valuable a conscientious detail officer can be in our continuing crime fighting efforts.""-Dartmouth Police Department.

Massachusetts State and Local Police 2019 "Shop with a Cop" brightens the lives of local children

"Earlier last night Colonel Christopher Mason, Lt. Col. Scott Warmington, Lt. Col. Richard Ball, Major James Hanlon, and members of Troop H joined Boston Mayor Martin Walsh, Boston Police Commissioner William Gross along with numerous members of the Boston Police Department, Transit Police, Boston EMS and several other agencies at the 2019 Shop with a Cop event hosted by Target at the South Bay Mall in Boston.

First, all those participating were served a pizza dinner at the Leahy-Holloran Community Center in Dorchester then received a police escort to Target where the fun began! This event paired up police officers with over six hundred deserving children from every neighborhood in Boston to pick

out special holiday gifts. It is funded by the Boston Police Activities/Athletics League (PAL), Target and several other charitable organizations.” -Massachusetts State Police.



See full photo set [here](#).

Spotlight: New Bedford's Churrascaria Novo Mundo

Looking for some amazing holiday platters? Here's a sample of what Churrascaria Novo Mundo at 98 County Street in New Bedford has to offer. Contact (508) 991-8661 or stop by today!

Massachusetts Man Indicted for Stealing more than \$420,000 Government Benefits

An Arlington man was arrested on Friday, Dec. 13, 2019, and charged with fraudulently receiving disability benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Social Security Administration.

Patrick Quinn, 47, was charged with two counts of theft of public funds and two counts of making false statements. He was released on conditions following an initial appearance in federal court in Boston.

According to the indictment, since January 2012, Quinn stole more than \$420,000 in veterans benefits and Social Security benefits by falsely telling the Department of Veterans Affairs and Social Security Administration that he was unable to work due to a disability, when in reality, he owned and operated Quinn Insurance Group, Inc.

The charge of theft of public funds provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release,

and a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss, whichever is greater. The charge of making a false statement charge provides for a sentence of up to five years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss, whichever is greater. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Jeffrey Stachowiak, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General, Northeast Field Office; and Scott Antolik, Special Agent in Charge of the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations, Boston Field Division, made the announcement today. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen Burzycki of Lelling's Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case.

New Bedford's Hathaway Elementary School bakes bread for the homeless this holiday season

"Did you see what Hathaway Elementary is up to? This is something positive to share about New Bedford Public Schools!! Thanks to King Arthur flour our fifth grade students have partnered with the United way to bake bread for the homeless this holiday season. Happy Holidays! Teachers are Mrs. Melissa Morin and Miss Denielle Sylvia."



**New Bedford's Zeiterion
Performing Arts Center**

cancel the “Edward Twins” performance for use of blackface

Zeiterion Performing Arts Center has canceled The Edward Twins performance on May 2 due to their use of blackface. The Edwards Twins are impersonators and, although they were not impersonating artists of color on the Zeiterion stage, they do impersonate them at other venues. Our community let us know that the fact they use blackface at all, is what matters.

Blackface perpetuates systemic racism, which contributes to the marginalization of black people, and the marginalization of anyone jeopardizes the safety of our community. The use of blackface by any performer regardless of their stated intent, is dehumanizing and to dehumanize any group of people does not reflect the values of the Zeiterion.

Booking this show has caused pain to members of our community and for that we are deeply sorry. As a result, it has led us to reflect as an organization and commit to policies that cultivate an environment of inclusivity. As we continue this work, we welcome feedback from you. Please send comments, questions or concerns to Rosemary Gill, Executive Director, Programming and Development, at RGill@Zeiterion.org or by phone at (508)997-5664.

Ticket holders may contact the box office at (508) 994-2900 to apply their tickets to another show, a gift certificate, a tax-deductible donation, or to receive a refund.

Taunton	Heroin
Trafficker/Domestic	Abuser
Convicted At Trial	

A 35-year-old Taunton man was convicted of trafficking heroin and assaulting his girlfriend after a three-day jury trial despite the assault victim's lack of cooperation in the case, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Dustin Marques was convicted by a jury of his peers of trafficking in excess of 18 grams of heroin, and assault and battery last week in Fall River Superior Court.

On November 22, 2018, the victim went to the Taunton Police Department to report a past abuse from three days prior. She told the police the defendant struck her with his Play Station handheld game controller. During the interview, police took her statement and took photographs of a severe bruises on her leg and arm.

When police arrived at the defendant's Whittenton Street apartment, they witnessed him snorting lines of a powdery white substance. While placing the defendant under arrest, police found a baggie with 28 grams of heroin in his pants pocket.

Shortly after the arrest, the victim became uncooperative with the prosecution and refused to show up for trial during the first two days. When she was finally locate by police and brought to the courthouse to testify, she became a hostile witness and testified in a manner to minimize the allegations of assault. Despite her lack of cooperation, Assistant District Attorney Shawn Guilderson was successfully able to get the victim's initial report and the photographs of her injuries into evidence.

The defendant was sentenced by Superior Court Judge Debra Squires-Lee to serve four years in prison, to be followed by two years of supervised probation.

“I am pleased that the jury held the defendant accountable for assaulting his girlfriend and selling heroin, despite the victim not cooperating,” District Attorney Quinn said. “The defendant has a lengthy record and needs to be kept off the street to protect the public.”

Massachusetts State Troopers arrest driver for OUI after rollover

At approximately 2:20 a.m. Troopers from State Police-Boston responded to a rollover crash on Storrow Drive eastbound at Clarendon Street in Boston. Upon arrival Troopers located a 2019 Nissan Rogue on its side against a building at the corner of Clarendon and Back Street.

Preliminary investigating by Troopers indicated the Rogue, which was being operated at an excessive speed by a 23-year-old Boston man, struck a retaining wall, rolled over, and struck the building.

Troopers spoke to and made observations of the driver and lone occupant of the Rogue and administered a portable breath test. As a result of their investigation, the operator was determined to be impaired and placed into custody.

He is identified as DEVANSH KUMAR, 23, of Boston. KUMAR was transported to State Police-Boston, where a breathalyzer test

was administered. He was booked on charges of OUI-Liquor; Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation; and Speeding.

KUMAR was not injured. He will be arraigned in Roxbury District Court.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by Boston Fire and EMS.

Dartmouth Domestic Assault Leads to Prison Sentence

A 34-year-old Greenwich, RI man was convicted of assaulting and pointing a gun at a woman in his car in Dartmouth was sentenced to serve two-and-a-half years in state prison last week in Fall River Superior Court, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Brandon Genereaux pleaded guilty to indictments charging him with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a family or household member, possession of an illegal firearm, unlawful possession of a large capacity feeding device and possession of cocaine.

On July 25, 2018, the defendant and the female victim were in his car in Dartmouth when he struck the victim repeatedly. During the assault, the defendant who was abusing cocaine and liquor, slammed her head into the car door and dashboard. When the victim attempted to exit the car, the defendant forcibly pulled her back in by her hair and bit her. He then pulled out a gun, began waving it and threatening her with it.

Dartmouth Police investigated the incident after the female reported it and found the defendant and his car. Inside the car, police found cocaine, pills, sleeping pill, a Glock handgun, and two large-capacity magazines. One of the magazines was loaded with 12 rounds.

The defendant was held in custody as a danger since his arrest. He has a seven page criminal record in Rhode Island, has three cases open in Worcester and one case open in Fall River.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Courtney Cahill and the state prison sentence was imposed by Judge Debra Squires-Lee. In addition to the prison time, the defendant must also complete a three year probationary period upon his release from incarceration.

"The defendant engaged in violent and manipulative conduct fueled by drugs, and does not belong on the street. He is a dangerous individual who has a significant record with charges pending in another county. This case again highlights the importance of detaining dangerous defendants without bail so they cannot commit more crimes before their cases are resolved," District Attorney Quinn said.