Faces Of New Bedford #76 – Bienvenido "Ben" Perez

Meet Bienvenido "Ben" Perez, 26-year-old Lawyer.

Bienvenido was born and raised in New Bedford by his mother and father. He first thought of getting involved with law at the early age of 11, when his family was evicted from their home and faced homelessness. Because his family made just above the amount needed for a free lawyer and didn't make enough to afford to pay for one, they were forced to live between family members house for an entire summer.

Quite a few years later, Ben graduated from New Bedford High School and with a full tuition scholarship to Roger Williams University, he embarked on his journey to becoming a lawyer. During a mentorship program, he shadowed an attorney and that solidified his decision to practice law. Upon graduating with his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice he enrolled in the Law School at Roger Williams.

Now he is practicing law, alongside his wife and father-in-law, in both New Bedford and Rhode Island. He has been able to give back and help families facing the same situations his family did, depending on the severity of the case. He loves

that with his career he is able to service and give back to the people of the city where he grew up.

"Are we as big as Providence, no. Are we as big as Boston, no. We have a lot of character and that is all that matters."

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