

# **Irish native succumbs to injuries sustained in sucker punch attack on St. Patrick's Day in Boston**

"At about 9:00 PM on Friday, March 17, 2023, officers assigned to District A-1 (Downtown) responded to a call for a man down in the area of 17 Winter Street, Boston. On arrival, officers located a victim, later identified as 46-year-old Barry Whelan, of Woburn. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased and taken off life support on March 24, 2023. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined the cause of death was blunt force trauma and ruled it a homicide.

The Boston Police Department is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. Anyone with information is strongly urged to contact Boston Police Homicide Detectives at (617) 343-4470.

Community members wishing to assist in this investigation anonymously can do so by 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 help this investigation in an anonymous manner.

To those who find themselves in need of emotional support or simply needing to talk to someone about distressing events in our community, the Boston Neighborhood Trauma Team (NTT) provides free, private support 24/7 at (617) 431-0125."-Boston Police Department.