Massachusetts "Most Wanted Fugitive" who was sought in Shooting captured in North Carolina

A fugitive wanted for shooting a woman in Springfield earlier this year was captured this afternoon in North Carolina after an investigating by Massachusetts State Police, Springfield Police, and US Marshals tracked the suspect to that state.

ALECZANDER LIRIANO, 21, who last week was added to the Massachusetts State Police Most Wanted list, was arrested by a United States Marshals Task Force outside a residence in Wilmington, North Carolina at approximately 12:45 p.m.

In recent days, MSP Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section Trooper Nelson Zayas and Springfield Police Officer Christopher Bates (a member of a regional US Marshals Task Force), developed information that LIRIANO could be at the North Carolina address. The Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section (MSP VFAS) sent the lead to the Marshals Task Force in North Carolina, and the arrest was made shortly thereafter.

Task Force officers placed LIRIANO in custody without incident. He is being held pending rendition to Massachusetts, where he will be prosecuted by the Hamden District Attorney.

LIRIANO is wanted for the March 5 late-morning shooting of a woman at the intersection of Dickinson Street and Lansing Place in Springfield. The victim was transported to a local hospital with serious injuries, but survived.

Subsequent investigation by Springfield Police revealed that LIRIANO shot the woman during a street robbery, and police obtained a warrant from Springfield District Court for charging him with armed robbery with a firearm, assault and battery with a firearm, and discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building. LIRIANO is also the subject of a warrant for breaking and entering for a separate incident.

MSP VFAS added him to the unit's list of Most Wanted fugitives on May 10. An updated Most Wanted poster is below.

