

# Massachusetts State Police, Marshals arrest suspect wanted for shooting at casino

A multi-agency investigative team this morning developed information on the location of a suspect wanted for a shooting incident in the parking garage at Encore Casino on Dec. 1. Troopers, Officers, and members of a US Marshals Task Force immediately responded to that location, an apartment in Salem, and apprehended suspect STEVEN GONZALEZ, 33.

On the night of Dec. 1, members of the Massachusetts State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit and Everett Police Officers responded to a report of shots fired in the garage at the Everett casino. Upon arrival, Troopers and Officers located ballistics evidence. The subsequent investigation identified the shooter as GONZALEZ and determined that he fired multiple rounds at a group of men following an altercation.

Investigators also learned that GONZALEZ, whose last known address at that time was in Peabody, fled the area on foot after the shooting and was later picked up by someone in a motor vehicle. Investigators did not locate any victims from the incident, leading them to believe no one was struck by gunfire. A warrant was obtained from Malden District Court charging GONZALEZ with armed assault with intent to murder, discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building, carrying a firearm without a license, and unlawful possession of ammunition.

Investigators were unable to locate GONZALEZ in the immediate aftermath of the shooting and requested assistance from the Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section (MSP VFAS). Earlier today MSP VFAS Troopers, Gaming Enforcement Unit Troopers, members of a US Marshals Task

Force, and Everett and Salem Officers went to the Salem apartment where intelligence suggested GONZALEZ was staying, located and arrested him without incident, and transported him to the Salem Police Department for booking.