

New Bedford Police arrest man with long criminal history in connection with shooting incident

New Bedford Police detectives unit arrested a man with a long criminal history, including time in prison for manslaughter, in connection with a shooting incident Monday, Aug. 6 that injured two people.

Attim Almeida, 42, of New Bedford, was arrested Tuesday Aug. 7 and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of armed assault to murder, discharge of a firearm within 500 feet of a building, carrying a loaded firearm, malicious damage to a motor vehicle, felony possession of a firearm, subsequent offense and firearm violation with three previous violent crimes.

The charges are in connection with an incident in which a man and woman were fired upon early Monday, Aug. 6 while driving in the area of Purchase and Grinnell Streets. Both were treated for non life-threatening injuries at St. Luke's Hospital.

New Bedford Police detectives assigned to the case were able to secure an arrest warrant for Attim Almeida and a search warrant for his Acushnet Avenue apartment. Detectives Shawn Robert and William Westgate led the investigation.

Almeida has an extensive criminal record, with nearly 80 arraignments since 1994. He was sentenced to eight years in prison in 2002 for manslaughter and two years in prison in 1999 for possession of a firearm without a permit.