

# **New Bedford Latin King sentenced for being felon in possession of firearm after robbery and shooting**

A member of the New Bedford Chapter of the Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation ("Latin Kings") was sentenced yesterday for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition following an investigation into an armed robbery in New Bedford and a shooting in Boston in April 2020.

Ramon Martinez, a/k/a "King Razor," 26, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Denise J. Casper to 40 months in prison and three years of supervised release. In November 2020, Martinez pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On April 30, 2020, an individual in New Bedford was robbed and punched by two men who were in a black Ford Fusion. The men put a knife to the victim's back and stole his wallet and motorized scooter. Martinez was later identified as one of the robbers.

Also on April 30, 2020, police responded to a report of shots fired in the area of Callender Street in Boston where three .45 caliber casings were recovered. Martinez's SnapChat account included postings related to this shooting incident.

On May 7, 2020, police witnessed Martinez exit a residence on Crapo Street in New Bedford and walk to the rear of a black Ford Fusion. They observed Martinez open the trunk and quickly close it, and then get into a nearby vehicle. Officers stopped the vehicle, placed Martinez under arrest for the April 30 armed robbery and located a set of keys for the Ford Fusion. In the trunk of the Fusion, police recovered a Glock Model 30S

.45 caliber firearm with four rounds of ammunition. Ballistics testing matched the Glock Model 30S to the casings recovered on Callender Street.

Due to prior felony convictions, Martinez is prohibited from possessing firearms.

A plea hearing pertaining to the New Bedford armed robbery charges is scheduled for May 19, 2021 in Bristol County Superior Court. The case is being prosecuted by the Bristol County District Attorney's Office.

Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell; Kelly Brady, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, New England Field Division; New Bedford Police Chief Joseph C. Cordeiro; and Boston Police Acting Commissioner Gregory Long made the announcement. Valuable assistance was also provided by the Bristol County District Attorney's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Philip A. Mallard of Mendell's Organized Crime and Gang Unit prosecuted the case.