

# **New Bedford man who threatened others with a knife on a SRTA bus sentenced**

A 29-year-old New Bedford man who threatened passengers with a knife on a SRTA Bus and physically assaulted one of the female passengers last December was sentenced by a New Bedford District Court judge last week to serve two years in jail, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Dazzmen Parades was convicted on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery, after a bench trial before Judge Joseph P. Harrington.

On December 19, 2020, the defendant was on a city SRTA Bus from New Bedford to Fairhaven. According to trial testimony, the defendant was rapping to himself on the bus when a 34-year-old local woman looked over at him. The defendant began saying "What? What? You know who I am! I am D-Drizzy." The defendant then got up from the back of the bus, pulled a knife from his belt, and made a thrusting motion towards the female victim. Other victims then yelled for the bus driver to stop the bus. When police boarded, they began to remove the defendant from it. While being escorted off the bus, the defendant elbowed the 34-year-old female in the head.

The defendant has a 10-page criminal record, and at the time of the trial, he had six open cases in New Bedford District Court.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Eric DeMoura and James Powderly.