

State Police, US Marshals, Yarmouth PD Track Down Most Wanted Fugitive

MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE VIOLENT FUGITIVE APPREHENSION SECTION		MOST WANTED	
WILLIAM L. BENTON		<u>WANTED FOR:</u> Attempted Murder, Multiple Firearms Offenses and A&B w/a Dangerous Weapon	
	DOB:	11/10/92	
	Height:	5' - 7"	
	Weight:	145 lbs.	
	Hair:	Black	
	Eyes:	Brown	
	Race/Born:	White	
	F.B.I.#:	888266HD6	
	AKAs:	"Tony"	
	Tattoos:	Grim Reaper-Back; Flower, Frog, & Flag-Left Forearm	
	Scars:	Left Cheek	
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<u>Wanted by the Yarmouth and Barnstable Police Departments</u>			
<p>William BENTON is wanted on 5 arrest warrants issued by the Barnstable County Superior and District Courts. On April 18, 2015, BENTON was involved in an argument at a Yarmouth residence with another male. The dispute escalated and BENTON brandished a knife and allegedly stabbed the victim in the torso multiple times. The victim was transported to Cape Cod Hospital with life threatening injuries but survived after undergoing emergency surgery. BENTON fled the scene on foot and Yarmouth PD subsequently charged him with Attempted Murder and Assault and Battery With a Dangerous Weapon, and faces multiple Firearms and Assault charges in this incident. BENTON has three additional warrants including two for Assault related offenses. He has an extensive criminal record in Massachusetts and is known to have access to Firearms, Knives, and other weapons. BENTON has ties throughout Cape Cod including Mashpee, Yarmouth, Hyannis and Falmouth. He should be considered Armed and Dangerous.</p>			
Massachusetts State Police: Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section 1-800-KAPTURE (1-800-527-8873) "HE ESCAPES WHO IS PURSUED" - SOPHOCLES			

Nearly a month ago, the State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section added BENTON to the department's Top Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list.

The State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section and the United States Marshals Service recently developed information that WILLIAM BENTON, 22 – one of the MSP's Top Ten Most Wanted Fugitives – was staying at an address on Seminole Boulevard in Tarpon Springs, Fla. At approximately 9:30 a.m. today members of a US Marshals task force based out of Tampa located and

arrested BENTON without incident. BENTON was taken to the Pinellas County Jail, charged as a Fugitive From Justice and held pending rendition back to Massachusetts.

BENTON's capture follows a lengthy investigation and search by State Police, US Marshals, and Yarmouth Police. He is the subject of multiple warrants out of Barnstable County in Massachusetts charging him with several counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and additional counts of aggravated assault, intimidation of witness, threats to commit a crime, and various firearm and motor vehicle offenses.

The warrants charge BENTON in two separate violent incidents. On May 10, 2014, BENTON was involved in an argument with a man at Keyes Memorial Beach in Hyannis. The man was accompanied by his child at the time. During the argument, evidence suggests BENTON pulled out a gun and shot at the man, missing him and the child. Barnstable Police arrested BENTON a short time later; during the case against him, while he was out on bail, BENTON did not appear for a scheduled court date. Additionally, evidence suggests BENTON stabbed a man four times on the evening of April 18 in Yarmouth. The victim survived but BENTON was not captured at the time.
