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DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Case #25-2379

Case Investigated by: Detective Sergeant Timothy Hogan



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Appendix A

- Complaint Summary
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To: Lt. Candido Trinidad

From: Sgt. Timothy Hogan

Subject: Case #25-2379

Date: November 14, 2025

Complaint Summary

Sir,

On September 30th, 2025, I, Detective Sergeant Timothy Hogan, was assigned to investigate Professional Standards case #25-2379. This case stems from an arrest, [REDACTED], made on September 29th, 2025. The defendant identified as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was arrested and charged with OUI, drug offenses, and a licensee carrying a firearm while intoxicated. The firearm serial number, [REDACTED], a Glock 43X 9mm, was run and it was discovered this firearm was registered to New Bedford Police Officer, Mason Almeida and not [REDACTED]. The purpose of this investigation will be to establish how [REDACTED] came to be in possession of the firearm and if any rules, regulations, policies, or procedures were violated on Off. Almeida's part.

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Investigation

I began this investigation by reviewing the arrest report as well as any BWC footage. The arrest report was authored by Off. Calob Jardin. Off. Jardin was dispatched to a call for service at the corner of Tarklin Hill Rd. and Lawrence St. on the report of a vehicle stopped in the travel lane with a male slumped over. Upon arrival Off. Jardin observed a vehicle with [REDACTED] in the driver seat; the vehicle was running; [REDACTED] hand was on the gear selector which was in drive and his head was leaning on his right shoulder. Off. Jardin was able to rouse [REDACTED] enough to get him to lower the window. Off. Jardin ordered [REDACTED] to place the vehicle in park and turn the vehicle off, to which [REDACTED] complied.

Off. Jardin asked where the keys to the vehicle were, [REDACTED] kept repeating "Fairhaven" repeatedly. Off. Jardin asked if the keys were in the center console. [REDACTED] opens the center console and in plain view of Off. Jardin is a clear plastic bag containing suspected marijuana and what he believes to be the handle of firearm. Off. Jardin immediately retrieved the object, which was a firearm, a black, Glock model 43X, bearing serial number [REDACTED], and secured it. Once other officers arrived on scene, [REDACTED] was removed from the vehicle, placed in handcuffs, and seated in a cruiser. In [REDACTED] pockets, more suspected marijuana and suspected cocaine were discovered.

[REDACTED] was asked if he possesses a valid license to carry a firearm to which he stated he does but did not have it on him. It was determined on scene through a CJIS query that [REDACTED] did possess a valid LTC. [REDACTED] was notified he was being placed under arrest and transported to booking. Once in booking a query of the firearm was done through CJIS as well and it came back registered not to [REDACTED] but a party identified as New Bedford Police Officer Mason Almeida. Off. Jardin writes in his report that Sgt. Gangi and Jupin asked [REDACTED] where he received the firearm and [REDACTED] stated it was given to him two years prior but never transferred to his name.

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I asked if he had transferred any firearms since then and he stated he had and did have receipts from those transfers. I asked when the transfer with [REDACTED] occurred and he stated he believed at least a year and half ago. I asked what the purchase amount was and Off. Almeida stated he believed it was for \$650. I pointed out that the original date of purchase was August 31st, 2023, which was a little more than two years ago so he only possessed the firearm for approximately six months before selling it. Off. Almeida stated this was correct.

I asked Off. Almeida if he first checked [REDACTED] LTC status to ensure he was allowed to purchase the firearm and he stated he did. Lt. Trinidad then pointed out that in Off. Jardins report, he states [REDACTED] stated to him the firearm was “given” to him. Off. Almeida stated this was incorrect and as noted in the report, [REDACTED] was intoxicated and simply misstated how he obtained the firearm but was adamant it was a legitimate sale. Off. Almeida stated no Bill of Sale was ever made out for it.

Attn. Gambaccini asked Off. Almeida if this was the first firearm transaction he ever attempted and he stated yes it was. He then asked if he was aware of the process before attempting it the first time, and Off. Almeida stated no he was not. I again asked if he believed the transfer was a success and Off. Almeida stated yes he thought it went through successfully. I asked him if he ever inquired with any co-workers on how to complete the transfer and he stated all he was told is that he could complete it online. I asked if he attempted the transfer in a station or outside the station and he stated outside. With nothing further, the interview was concluded.

After the interview was concluded I recalled Off. Almeida stated the transaction was for \$650 but I never confirmed if it was a cash or digital transaction. I sent Off. Almeida an email with this follow up question and he responded to me it was a cash transaction. I then went about attempting to contact the Mass Firearms Records Bureau. My intention was to possibly determine if there was some form of record kept when a user attempts to complete the eFA10 form online whether successful or not, basically to see if there was some digital trail that an attempt was made.

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I had the department's Keeper of the Records, Off. John Barnes, query both the firearm and [REDACTED] LTC for me and confirmed it was still registered to Off. Almeida and [REDACTED] LTC has been active since January of 2023. I then contacted [REDACTED] attorney, Frank Camera, and asked if his client would be willing to give a recorded statement regarding the firearm. Attn. Camera responded to me that his client was declining to be interviewed at this time. I then scheduled an interview with Off. Mason Almeida.

The interview took place on October 15th, in our office. Off. Almeida was accompanied by Attn. Andy Gambaccini, legal counsel, Off. Brian Rei, Union representative, and Det. Nathan Pimentel of the department's Firearms Division. Det. Pimentel sat in at the request of the Chief's office. Off. Almeida was read and signed PSU Form 1 by Det. Lt. Candido Trinidad. Off. Almeida checked off and signed that he asserted his 5th Amendment privilege against self-incrimination but agreed to waive Article 12 privilege and agreed to answer questions.

I first asked Off. Almeida if he was familiar with [REDACTED]. He stated he was and the two met through a mutual friend. Off. Almeida stated he and [REDACTED] have been friends for approximately seven years. I asked what Off. Almeida's perception of [REDACTED] was and Off. Almeida stated he believed him to be a hard-working family man. He never knew him to be in any trouble. I showed Off. Almeida [REDACTED] booking photo and asked him to confirm this was the person he knew as [REDACTED], Off. Almeida confirmed it was.

I then drew Off. Almeida's attention to the arrest report where it stated the firearm recovered was found to be registered to him and the CJIS Firearms Ownership Listing showing him still as the registered owner. He confirmed this was a firearm he purchased at Village Sports gun store in Westport. I asked him if he ever completed the Mass eFA10 online form transferring ownership to [REDACTED] Off. Almeida stated he thought he did however he never received a receipt for the transaction, but he was under the impression it completed normally.

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After placing several phone calls and an email that I received receipt of, as of this writing I have received no response from them. If I do receive a response it will be added to the case file at a later time.

Conclusion

After reviewing CJIS data and interviewing Off. Almeida, it is clear he did not do his due diligence as an LTC holder and police officer by confirming the transaction of a firearm he owned was completed successfully. By his own admission Off. Almeida stated he received receipts from other transfers he completed after this one but never questioned why he never received one from the first transaction he ever attempted. It is confirmed that [REDACTED] did have an active LTC at the time of transfer as his LTC became active prior to Off. Almeida originally purchasing the firearm.

In speaking with Det. Pimentel, he does not believe any egregious administrative LTC violations took place that would affect Off. Almeida's ability to continue to possess an LTC. While at this time I do not believe any outright criminal act took place, Off. Almeida's failure to ensure all proper steps were taken in the transferring of a firearm he owned to another person does technically place him in violation of Mass Gen Law c. 140 s 121B and C:

“All firearm transactions within the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, all purchases, sales, rentals, leases, loans or other transfers shall be reported to the electronic firearms registration system. All firearm transactions shall be reported by all parties to the transaction via the electronic firearms registration system within 7 days of the sale, rental, lease, loan or other transfer; provided, however, that no report shall be required for a loan of a firearm to a duly licensed or exempted person for a period of less than 7 days.”

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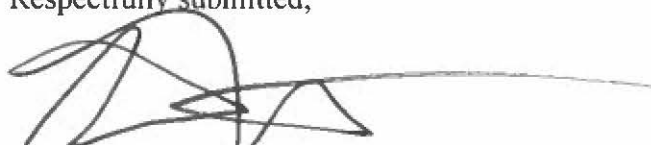
“Whoever fails to register a firearm in violation of subsection (a), or fails to report a transaction, loss or theft in violation of subsections (b) or (c) shall be punished as follows: (i) by a fine of not more than \$1,000 for a first offense; (ii) by a fine of not more than \$7,500 or imprisonment up to 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, for a second offense; or (iii) by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not less than 1 year nor more than 5 years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, for a third or subsequent offense. Failure to report shall also be a cause for suspension or permanent revocation of a person’s license, card or permit.”

For all the above reasons I recommend the following:

Off. Mason Almeida

515.6(e) – Commission Of A Criminal Act.....Sustained

Respectfully submitted,



Detective Sergeant Timothy Hogan

Complete Details For 25-2379

Major Complaint

Complaint	Type: Major	Category: Formal Internal Complaint	Occured: OFF Duty
Case No.: 25-2379	How Complaint Was Reported: Report	Racial: No	Video Available No Camera Not Indicated
Date Occurred: 9/29/2025	Taken By: Carola, Scott	Date Reported: 9/29/2025	
Location Occurred: 449 Tarklin Hill Rd	District/Area: North		

Complainant	Complainant: Not Stated	Date Of Birth:	Sex:	Race:
Complainant's Address: Not Stated ?? Unk	Email Address:			
Home Phone:	Business Phone:	Cell Phone:		
Complainant Satisfaction:	Satisfaction Comments:			

Case Assignment	Date Assigned: 9/30/2025	Days Case Due In: 90	Date Due: 12/29/2025	Date Completed:
Assigned To: Hogan, Timothy	Current Complaint Disposition: Pending			

Summary: Entered on 9/30/2025 11:43:49 AM by 3947. Investigation ordered after a male was arrested for OUI and drug possession and found to be carrying a loaded firearm registered to Off. Mason Oliveira.

Complaint #	Type Of Complaint	Description	Complaint Disposition
1	515.6 (e)	Commission of criminal act	Pending

Officer #	Name	ID Number	Rank	Division	Shift	Supervisor	On Alert	Camera
1	Almeida, Mason		Officer	Patrol	A relief	Williams, Donald	No	No

Disposition: Pending Action Taken: Pending



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Appendix B

- CJIS Printouts
- POST Receipt

Re: Follow up question

From Hogan, Timothy P <Timothy.Hogan@newbedfordpd.com>
Date Mon 10/20/2025 9:30 AM
To Mason Almeida <Mason.Almeida@newbedfordpd.com>

Recieved, thank you.

Detective Sergeant Timothy Hogan
New Bedford Police Department
Professional Standards Division
1204 Purchase St.
Phone: 508-979-1687
Email: timothy.hogan@newbedfordpd.com

From: Mason Almeida <Mason.Almeida@newbedfordpd.com>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 8:52:14 AM
To: Hogan, Timothy P <Timothy.Hogan@newbedfordpd.com>
Subject: Re: Follow up question

Sir,
This was a cash sale and transaction.
Respectfully,
Officer Mason Almeida,4160,2 A

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From: Hogan, Timothy P <Timothy.Hogan@newbedfordpd.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 1:19:05 PM
To: Mason Almeida <Mason.Almeida@newbedfordpd.com>
Cc: Trinidad, Candido <Candido.Trinidad@newbedfordpd.com>; agambaccini@vgalawpc.com <agambaccini@vgalawpc.com>
Subject: Follow up question

Off. Almeida,

I have a follow up question from our interview earlier today regarding case #25-2379, regarding the transfer of a personal firearm. According to department General Order 3-03 Complaint Review Policy Section 4 paragraph D (page 6), you have 7 days to respond to this email.

During the interview you were asked how much the transaction was for the purchase of the firearm was and you said you believe it was \$650. My question is, was this a cash transaction or a digital sale? i.e. PayPal, Venmo, Cash App. If it was digital, could you provide proof of that transaction.

Please review this with your legal counsel and respond at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

Detective Sergeant Timothy Hogan
New Bedford Police Department
Professional Standards Division
1204 Purchase St.
Phone: 508-979-1687
Email: timothy.hogan@newbedfordpd.com

Re: [EXTERNAL]Re: [EXTERNAL]Re: Investigation

From Hogan, Timothy P <Timothy.Hogan@newbedfordpd.com>
Date Thu 10/16/2025 8:12 PM
To Frank Camera <frank@camera-law.com>

I understand sir, thank you for getting back to me, appreciate your time.

Detective Sergeant Timothy Hogan
New Bedford Police Department
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1204 Purchase St.
Phone: 508-979-1687
Email: timothy.hogan@newbedfordpd.com

From: Frank Camera <frank@camera-law.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 7:50:54 PM
To: Hogan, Timothy P <Timothy.Hogan@newbedfordpd.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: [EXTERNAL]Re: Investigation

This Message Is From an Untrusted Sender

You have not previously corresponded with this sender.

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Detective, good evening. I apologize for not contacting you; the day escaped me. I appreciate your position but I'm not having my client give any statement regarding this event. I'm sure you understand.
-Frank

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From: Frank Camera <frank@camera-law.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 10:30:35 AM
To: Hogan, Timothy P <Timothy.Hogan@newbedfordpd.com>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]Re: Investigation

perfect

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From: Hogan, Timothy P <Timothy.Hogan@newbedfordpd.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 10:24:46 AM
To: Frank Camera <frank@camera-law.com>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]Re: Investigation

That's fine, I'm in the office until 3:30 today, thank you.

Detective Sergeant Timothy Hogan
New Bedford Police Department
Professional Standards Division
1204 Purchase St.
Phone: 508-979-1687
Email: timothy.hogan@newbedfordpd.com

From: Frank Camera <frank@camera-law.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 10:07 AM
To: Hogan, Timothy P <Timothy.Hogan@newbedfordpd.com>; [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: Investigation

Good morning- I can call you later today if that works.
-Frank

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From: Hogan, Timothy P <Timothy.Hogan@newbedfordpd.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 9:12:29 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Investigation

Good morning Attorney Camera,

I hope this is the right email address I have for you. My name is Sergeant Timothy Hogan with New Bedford PD. I am assigned to the Professional Standards Division and am currently investigating a case involving an officer within the department and a client of yours, [REDACTED]. I know [REDACTED] was arrested and charged, and I wanted to inquire with you directly about possibly getting a statement from [REDACTED] regarding how he obtained the firearm. I am aware he is an LTC holder and have no issues with him possessing the firearm nor anything that occurred the night of the arrest. I am simply inquiring about how he obtained the firearm originally and what the details of the transaction were. If you would like to give me a statement on his behalf that would be p[erfectly acceptable as well. I can be reached at the below number as well. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Detective Sergeant Timothy Hogan
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Appendix C

- Signed PSU Form
- Transcribed Interview

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TO: Officer Mason Almeida

FROM: Chief Jason Thody

SUBJECT: Complaint #25-2379

DATE: October 15th, 2025

As ordered in accordance with Rule #516.4, you have appeared at the Office of Professional Standards regarding an incident possibly involving the commission of a criminal act.

Invocation of your rights against self-incrimination under the *5th Amendment* to the United States Constitution and *Article 12* of the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights is sufficient to comply with this rule. This may be accomplished by checking off the appropriate box at the bottom of this page. You cannot be disciplined for asserting your rights. However, the investigation will continue and a recommendation made on the basis of available information.

You may also comply by asserting your *5th Amendment* privilege against self-incrimination and waiving your *Article 12* (Mass. Declaration of Rights) privilege. If you choose this option you are waiving your right to transactional immunity and you are required to answer questions. However, the answers that you provide to the allegations of the complaint and any evidence derived from those answers cannot be used against you in a criminal proceeding. Criminal proceedings may be based upon evidence obtained from other independent sources.

Failure to answer questions, absent an assertion by you of your constitutional privilege(s) is considered failure to comply with an order and could result in your receiving disciplinary action including termination. Please **READ, CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX, SIGN and DATE** this statement.

I have read and understand the above statement:

- [] I wish to claim my constitutional protections under the United States Constitution's 5th Amendment and Massachusetts Declarations of Rights', Article 12.
- [✓] I assert my 5th Amendment privilege against self-incrimination, but agree to waive my Article 12 privilege. I will answer questions, but the information received from these answers cannot be used against me in a criminal proceeding. However, I understand that criminal proceedings can be instituted against me based upon evidence obtained from other sources.

EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: 10/15/25

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF: _____

DATE: 10/15/25

DPS Form 1

Ranking Officer

For the record; this interview is being recorded. Today's date is _____, The time is Approximately _____. This is an administrative interview taking place at _____ Of the New Bedford Police department. The case number is 25-2379. The lead investigator is myself Sgt. Timothy Hogan and I am being assisted by _____. The subject of the Interview is _____ and he/she is being accompanied by _____. I will now have _____ read PSU form _____.

Interview Questions of Off. Mason Almeida

1. How long have you been employed by the city?
2. What is your current assignment?
3. Are you familiar with [REDACTED]?
4. How do you know him?
5. Did you conduct a firearms sales transaction with [REDACTED]?
6. When was this?
7. Was this the firearm involved in that transaction?
8. How much was the transaction for?
9. Can you confirm it is still registered to you?
10. Did you complete the Mass eFA10 form online?
11. Do you have a receipt for that transaction?
12. Did you ever check afterward to see if the transaction went through?
13. Have you conducted other firearms transactions since then?
14. Do you have receipts for those transactions?

Is there anything else you would like to add?

At this time, I would like to conclude this Interview. The time is _____.

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INTERVIEWEE: Mason Almeida

DATE: 10-15-2025

TIME: 7:48 A.M.

PARTICIPANTS: Sergeant Timothy Hogan
Lieutenant Candido Trinidad
Officer Mason Almeida
Attorney Andy Gambaccini
Officer Ryan Rei
Detective Nathan Pimentel

**TRANSCRIPTION
COMPLETED BY** IW/bq

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Hogan: All right. Good morning. For the inter-, uh, for the record this interview is being recorded. Today's date is Wednesday, October 15th, 2025. Time is approximately 7:48 a.m. This is an administrative interview taking place at the Office of Division of Professional Standards, New Bedford. Case is number 25-2379. Lead investigator is myself, Sergeant Timothy Hogan, H-O-G-A-N. I'm being assisted by ...

Trinidad: Lieutenant Candido Trinidad, T-R-I-N-I-D-A-D.

Hogan: Uh, subject of today's interview is ...

Almeida: Mason Almeida, A-L-M-E-I-D-A.

Hogan: He's being accompanied by ...

Gambaccini: Andy Gambaccini, G-A-M-B-A-C-C-I-N-I.

Hogan: AND, Attorney Gambaccini, you're here as legal representation for Officer Almeida, correct?

Gambaccini: Yes.

Hogan: All right. Also here is ...

Rei: Ryan Rei, R-E-I.

Hogan: And, Officer Rei, you are here as union representation for Officer Almeida, correct?

Rei: Correct.

Hogan: All right. And then also sitting in with us, uh, for observation purposes, uh, is, uh ...

Pimentel: Nathan Pimentel, P-I-M-E-N-T-E-L.

Hogan: And, Detective Pimentel, you are from the Firearms Division, correct?

Pimentel: Correct.

Hogan: Thank you. Um, at this time I will have Lieutenant Trinidad, uh, read PSU Form 1.

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Trinidad:

Officer Almeida, as ordered in accordance with Rule 516.4, you have appeared at the Office of Professional Standards regarding an incident possibly involving the commission of a criminal act. Invocation of your rights against self-incrimination under the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article 12 of the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights is sufficient to comply with this rule. This may be accomplished by checking off the appropriate box at the bottom of this page. You cannot be disciplined for asserting your rights. However, the investigation will continue and a recommendation made on the basis of available information. You may also comply by asserting your Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination in waiving your Article 12 Mass Declaration of Rights privilege. If you choose this option, you are waiving your right to transactional immunity, and you are required to answer questions. However, the answers that you provide to the allegations of the complaint and any evidence derived from those answers cannot be used against you in a criminal proceeding. Criminal proceedings may be based upon evidence obtained from other independent sources. Failure to answer questions absent an assertion by you of your constitutional privileges is considered failure to comply with an order and could result in your receiving disciplinary action, including termination. Please read AND check the appropriate box, sign and date the statement. Um, so you're gonna be ... the next section says "I have read and understand the above statement." Your first option is I wish to claim my constitutional protections under the United States Constitution's Fifth Amendment and Massachusetts Declaration of Rights Article 12. And the next option is I assert my Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination, but agree to waive my Article 12 privilege. I will answer questions, but the information received from these answers cannot be used against me in a criminal proceeding. However, I understand that criminal proceedings can be instituted against me based upon evidence obtained from other sources. INAUDIBLE GO OVER THAT WITH your attorney, check the appropriate box. And then just sign, sign and date the top line. All right. So just to confirm, you have checked off that you assert your Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination, but agree to waive Article 12 privilege. You'll answer questions, but the information received from these answers cannot be used against you in criminal proceeding. However, you do understand that criminal proceedings can be instituted against you based upon evidence from other sources. Is that correct?

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Almeida: Yes.

Trinidad: Thank you.

Hogan: All right. Officer Almeida, how long have you worked for the City?

Almeida: About three, three and a half years.

Hogan: Okay. And what is your current assignment?

Almeida: Patrol officer.

Hogan: And what shift do you work?

Almeida: Midnight shift.

Hogan: All right. Um, and are you familiar with [REDACTED]?

Almeida: Yes.

Hogan: And how do you know him?

Almeida: I met him through a mutual friend.

Hogan: Would you say you're friends with him or ...?

Almeida: I'd say I'm friends with him.

Hogan: All right. How long have you known him?

Almeida: About seven years.

Hogan: And, um, let me just ... and based off your experience with him, how would you describe him as a person? I mean what, what was your impression of him?

Almeida: He's a hard worker, FAMILY.

Hogan: Did you ever know him to be any trouble, anything like that?

Almeida: No.

Hogan: All right.

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Almeida: I just knew him as, like, a family man. He's got ... [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND ...

Hogan: All right. Just take a look at that arrest warrant. Is that, is that the person you recognize as [REDACTED]?

Almeida: Yes, sir.

Hogan: Okay. Um, so this, this is an arrest report from Sep-, September 29th, 5:13 a.m., when [REDACTED] was arrested and charged with several things. Um, one of them being licensee carrying while fire-, carrying a firearm while intoxicated. Uh, just to draw your attention to the last portion of this report. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was found in possession of a Glock 43X 9 millimeter, serial number [REDACTED]. Uh, when officers ran that firearm, it came back registered to you. Um, can you confirm that this is that firearm they discovered? And it's, uh, does say it's registered to you?

Almeida: OH, IT'S JUST THE WHOLE F-, yes, yeah.

Hogan: Yeah. Okay. All right. And is this correct, uh, at the bottom here, is this information correct? You originally purchased the firearm at Village Sports in Westport?

Almeida: Yes.

Hogan: Okay. All right. Did you, uh, or [REDACTED] end up, uh, completing the Mass EFA 10 Form online?

Almeida: I believe I had finished it.

Hogan: All right. Um, did you ever, did you ever get a confirmation receipt from that transaction?

Almeida: I did not.

Hogan: No? Um, did you try the transaction? Did you have any trouble completing the transaction? Or did you believe it went through NORMALLY?

Almeida: I believe, I believed it went through.

Hogan: All right. But you, like ... and you never, you never received the receipt?

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Almeida: I did not.

Hogan: All right. Um, have you, uh, done other firearm transfers since then?

Almeida: I have.

Hogan: And did they go through successfully?

Almeida: They did.

Hogan: And you have receipts from those? YOU ...

Almeida: I have, I have receipts from ...

Hogan: You received receipts from those?

Almeida: I did.

Hogan: Okay. Um, so do you remember how much the transaction was for for the firearm when you sold it or ...?

Almeida: I believe it was \$650.

Hogan: All right. And do you recall how long ago that was? I know it says you purchased it in ...

Almeida: That was ...

Hogan: ... it says you purchased it in what, 2-...

Almeida: It was at least a year and a half ago.

Hogan: A year and a half ago. Okay. Yeah, date of sale ... your original date of sale was 8/31/23. So that was two years ago.

Almeida: Yeah. It was, it was at least a year and a half ago.

Hogan: Okay. So you only had ... you only possessed it for about six months before you sold it to him?

Almeida: Yes, sir.

Hogan: All right. Um, and when you did that transaction, you believed it was ... at the time you did it, did you believe it was a

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perfectly legitimate transaction? Did you check [REDACTED]
LTC record? You made sure he had a valid LTC?

Almeida: I believe I did, yes.

Hogan: Okay. Um, and once you saw that, you, you agreed to do the transaction?

Almeida: Yes, sir.

Hogan: Okay. Lieutenant, do you have anything?

Trinidad: Um, just according to the report, he says that the firearm was given to him. Did you read that portion of the report?

Almeida: I, I read it. I read the report.

Trinidad: Yeah. He said there was no paperwork on that.

Almeida: It was, it was sold to him.

Trinidad: Yeah.

Almeida: But I mean, as stated in the report, he, he was, UM, heavily intoxicated. So he could have screwed up his, his words. I had ... it was a, it was a firearm sale.

Trinidad: Okay. But just, just for ... you didn't give him any paperwork. Did you give him any kind of Bill or Sale or anything like that?

Almeida: I didn't type up a Bill of Sale, no.

Trinidad: Okay. ANYTHING else? Do you have any questions?

Hogan: YEAH, Detective Pimentel, anything?

Pimentel: No.

Hogan: Okay. Attorney Gambaccini, anything?

Gambaccini: Just briefly. Uh, the transaction with [REDACTED] was that the first time you had ever sold a firearm?

Almeida: I believe it was.

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Gambaccini: Okay. Do you know what that process looked like at the time you were going through it for the first time?

Almeida: I had not. I didn't know what the process was supposed to look like.

Gambaccini: Okay. But you thought when you went through that process that you had completed the, the transfer successfully?

Almeida: Correct.

Gambaccini: Okay.

Hogan: So did you, did you speak to anybody about how to do the transfer beforehand? Did they, did they make it known to you that there would be paperwork at the end you needed, anything like that?

Almeida: I didn't speak to anybody about the transfer. I just ... like, on the entire process I just asked coworkers if you could do it online.

Hogan: Okay.

Almeida: And they said you could do it online.

Hogan: Do you remember where you did it? Did you do it at the station, or did you do it outside the station?

Almeida: I did, uh, I did it outside the station.

Hogan: All right.

Gambaccini: Nothing else further.

Hogan: Officer Rei, anything?

Rei: No, sir.

Hogan: All right. At this time I'll conclude the interview. The time is 7:58 a.m.

THIS STATEMENT IS COMPLETE AT 7:58 A.M.

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Complaint Information

Complaint Number 00012548

Agency New Bedford Police Department (/s/detail/0018y000007wIzIAAU)

Intake Channel LEA Portal

Related Complaint

Complaint Type Internal Incident

Portal IA Number 00010070 (/s/detail/500cs000015ZTtOAAW)

Complaint Submission Method Other

LEA Recommended POST Discipline

Other Submission Details Arrest report

Agency Received Date 9/30/2025, 8:00 AM

IA Open Deadline 10/14/2025

Closed Date

Narrative

Narrative Investigation ordered after a defendant was arrested for OUI and drug possession and found to be carrying a firearm registered to Off. Mason Almeida

Narrative - Update

Incident Information

Incident Date 9/29/2025

Complainant is Victim

Is this an Approximate Incident Date?

Victim Race

Incident Location 449 Tarklin Hill Rd

Victim Gender

Victim Ethnicity

Complainant Information

Is Reporter Confidential

Is Complainant an Officer?

First Name

Scott

Middle Name

Alfred

Last Name

Carola

Suffix

Email

scott.carola@newbedfordpd.com
(mailto:scott.carola@newbedfordpd.com)

Phone Number

Complainant Race

Complainant Gender

Complainant Ethnicity

Public Complaint Form Information

Anonymous Victim

Victim Information ⓘ

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Actions Already Taken

Officer Information ⓘ

Anonymous Witness

Witness Information ⓘ

Witness Information - Update

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515.4 The Mayor may cause charges to be preferred against any officer of the police department if a violation or neglect of duty is reported by the Chief of Police. A hearing shall be ordered by the Mayor and City Council and a notice of the time and place of such hearing and a copy of the complaint and specifications, shall be served upon the accused person at least seventy-two hours before the date of the hearing.

515.5 A hearing of such charges shall be before the Mayor and City Council who may cause the officer to be discharged, removed, suspended, laid off, transferred, lowered in rank, lowered in compensation, or to serve punishment duty, for cause deemed by them sufficiently warranted. All disciplinary actions are subject to the provisions of civil service, these rules and regulations, and city or state laws.

515.6 The following shall be considered violations or neglect of duty and are subject to the actions stated in section 515 charges and hearings:

- a) Ignorance of the department rules and regulations.
- b) Failure to perform according to the department rules and regulations.
- c) Insubordination or disrespect to any officer of higher rank or in command.
- d) Immoral conduct or conduct unbecoming an officer.
- e) Commission of any criminal act.
- f) Absence without leave.
- g) Mental or physical incapacity to perform the work assigned.
- h) Neglect or disobedience of orders.
- l) Commission of any act of abusive conduct or oppression.
- j) Conduct injurious to the public peace and welfare.
- k) Failure to report any known violation of the law.
- l) Improperly performing or neglecting to perform the duties assigned.
- m) Issuing false statements.
- n) Cowardice or failure to support a fellow officer in the time of need or peril.
- o) Commission of any act contrary to the good order and discipline of the department.
- p) Excessive conversation with another member of the department or other persons while on patrol duty, without good cause.
- q) Intoxication
- r) Neglect of duty.

516 RECEIVING AND INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

516.1 Misconduct means any act or conduct which is in violation of the "Department Rules and Regulations", or which would amount to "Conduct Unbecoming an Officer" or "Any Act or Conduct Contrary to the Good Order or Discipline of the Department".

516 2 The Commanding Officer on duty on any relief, at any station, division, bureau or unit will receive and accept any complaint of alleged misconduct against any member of the department.