



**CITY OF FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS
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PRESS RELEASE

SUBJECT: FALL RIVER - Prostitute Arrests

DATE: July 20th, 2018

On Saturday, July 14th, 2018 at approximately 16:30 p.m. Fall River Police Department Vice and Intelligence Detective Gary Barboza and Detective Sergeant Andrew Joseph were on patrol in North Main and Vestal Street area when he observed a female on the corner staring at males as they drove past. The Detectives pulled their vehicle over and Detective Barboza exited and approached the female on foot. When he got close to the female, the female asked for a cigarette. He Detective stated he had none. The female asked if he wanted 'to do something' then went on to described a sexual act she was willing to do for \$30. She then pointed to a house on the corner offering to kick her roommate out. Detective Barboza then gave a signal to Sgt. Joseph who drove up with his badge displayed.

Cheri L. Keefe age 49 of Fall River was placed under arrest on charges of Sexual Conduct for a Fee.



On Monday July 16th 2018 at approximately 7:30 pm Fall River Police Department Vice and Intelligence Detective James Elumba was in the area of South Main and Morgan Street when he observed a female on the corner staring at males as they drove past. Detective Elumba suspected she may be prostituting so he drove past her and parked approximately 40 feet

away. The female approached his vehicle and stuck her head in the passenger window uninvited. During a brief conversation she offered to perform a sexual act for \$20. The detective stated he would have to get some money and would be right back. Detective Elumba drove away and picked up Detective Athan Parousis. They returned to the corner and found the female waiting. The Detectives identified themselves as Police and arrested the female on a charge of Sexual Conduct for a Fee. She was identified as **Dawna Cheatham age 25 of Fall River.**



Approximately 30 minutes later Det. Elumba was notified by Det. Parousis that there was another female at the corner of Hartwell and Rodman Streets staring at males as they drove past. Suspecting prostitution he drove past her and parked approximately 50 feet away. The female approached his vehicle and stuck her head in the window uninvited. During a brief conversation she offered to perform a sexual act for \$30. Again the detective stated he would have to get some money and would be right back. Detective Elumba drove away and picked up Detective Athan Parousis and returned to the corner. When they returned to the corner, they found the female waiting. The Detectives identified themselves as Police and arrested the female on a charge of Sexual Conduct for a Fee. She was identified as **Tanya Gaudreau age 32 of New Bedford.**



Approximately 60 minutes later Det. Richard Aguiar notified Det. Parousis that there was a female at the corner of Morgan and Second Streets staring at males as they past. Suspecting prostitution he drove past her and parked. This female walked over and began a conversation where she agreed to perform a certain sexual act for \$30. When Det. Aguiar called for Det. Parousis, the female started yelling she didn't do anything and ran away. The female was located two building away hiding behind a dumpster. The female, identified as **Tieonah Addington age 35 of Fall River** was placed under arrest on charges of Sexual Conduct for a Fee.



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(Photos Attached)