



**CITY OF FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS
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PRESS RELEASE

SUBJECT: FALL RIVER – Unarmed Robbery / Arrest Fall River Municipal Credit Union 1110 Robeson Street

On September 21st, 2018 at approximately 01:05 pm Officers of the Fall River Police Departments Uniform Division responded to Fall River Municipal Credit Union 1110 Robeson Street on a report of an unarmed robbery.

Upon arrival, Officer Nicholas Soule was informed that a male had entered the bank and approached the counter. The suspect slipped a note to a teller. The note read ‘I want all the money, don’t do anything stupid, I know where you live’.

The teller surrendered the cash and the male fled the bank. The teller described the suspect as:

male carrying a large bag, wearing a stuffed animal hat, glasses and a jacket with large stripes on it.

Officers and Major Crimes Detectives were able to collect information and evidence which led them to the area of North High and Weetamoe Streets. While in the area they observed a male exiting a 1994 Suburban parked on North High Street. This male was carrying a large duffle bag and entered 72 Weetamoe Street. Officers were able to surround the house. Entry was made and the suspect detained. Inside the apartment, Officers located a large bag with a single \$100 dollar bill inside and a large trash bag containing a large amount of cash.

The suspect was Identified as Thomas Halpen age 56 of 72 Weetamoe Street and is charged with Unarmed Robbery and Witness Intimidation.

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Thomas Halpen

Age 56

Charges:

Unarmed Robbery

Intimidation of a

Witness

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