



**CITY OF FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**



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**PRESS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SUBJECT:** Armed Assault  
**DATE:** Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ Approximately 6:30 PM

On Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at approximately 6:30 PM, Officers of the Fall River Police Departments Uniform Division responded to a third floor Orswell Street residence in response to an assault complaint. On arrival out front of the residence Officer David St. Laurent spoke to the 30-year-old complainant who stated he observed his daughter watching a video and dancing provocatively and told her to stop or he would spank her. The complainant stated his roommate told him he wasn't gonna touch her and shoved the complainant against a door. The room-mate went into his bedroom and on his return, pulled a handgun out, pointed it at him and threatened to "do whatever". The complainant stated he ran out of the house and the room-mate followed. The complainant stated he told the roommate that he was calling the police. The roommate ran into the house and has not come out.

Officer St. Laurent along with Officers David Gouveia, Joseph Galvao, Brandon Pacheco, Thomas Roberts, Edward Desmarias, and Street Supervisors Sergeants' David Murphy and William Martel made entry into the apartment, located the room-mate and detained him. Officer St. Laurent applied for and received a search warrant for the apartment. A search commenced and a Crossman BB gun was located. The room-mate, Michael Sewell age 40 was taken into custody and charged with Assault with a Dangerous Weapon.

(photo attached)

*Detective J. Robinson  
Public Information Officer  
Office of Professional Standards*

\*\*\*\*\* End of Release\*\*\*\*\*



Michael Sewell - Age 40