



**CITY OF FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS
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**PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

SUBJECT: Local man arrested on gun charges after a neighbor dispute over parking
Date: Wednesday, April 4th, 2018 approximately 10:00 pm

Officers of Fall River Police Department Uniform Division responded to the area of Fulton Street in regards to a male threatening to shoot someone. On arrival Officers Ross Aubin and Tyler Andrade spoke to a 47-year-old female who stated that earlier she had just sat down in her car and was adjusting her seat when her neighbor, Francis Dowling (age 52) approached and demanded she remove her car from the area. The victim stated she told Mr. Dowling that she was adjusting the driver seat and would be moving. Mr. Dowling became louder as he repeated his demands. The victim stated she told Mr. Dowling that if her father were here he would not be speaking to her like that. Mr. Dowling replied that if her father were here, he would put a 38 bullet in his head. The victim left her car and retreated home to report the incident. When she returned to her car she found the windshield cracked.

When Officers Aubin and Andrade responded to speak to Mr. Dowling he became belligerent, refusing to allow officers to check his person for weapons prior to speaking with him. Mr. Dowling was detained. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that Mr. Dowling's License to Carry was expired. As a result all weapons would have to be confiscated. Mr. Dowling informed Officer Aubin that a 38 caliber revolver was under his pillow. Several other firearms were located.

Mr. Dowling was placed under arrest on charges of Vandalizing Property, Threat to commit a crime, interfering with a police officer, Possession of a Large Capacity Firearm, Improper Storage of a Large Capacity Firearm and several additional firearms-related charges.

(Photo Attached)

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Francis Dowling Age 52