



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

Date: May 21st, 2018
Subject: Auto Crash Altercation

On Saturday, May 19th, 2018 at approximately 6:30 P.M. Officers of the Fall River Police Department responded to the intersection of Dwelly and Fenner Streets in regards to a fight. On arrival, witnesses told Officers Timothy Magan and Neil Rodrigues that there was a motor vehicle crash. After the crash, the driver of the vehicle that was struck (Anthony Dias – age 21) exited his vehicle, approached the other operator who was still seated in his vehicle and punched him. This operator, a 37-year-old male told Officer Magan that he fought back and got the better of Dias. Dias went to his car and retrieved a baseball bat and began to chase the operator while swinging the bat. The 37-year-old male stated that he threw a punch, striking Mr. Dias in the head. Mr. Dias ran to his vehicle, this time retrieving a black handgun. Mr. Dias pointed it at the 37-year-old male. A second male exited Mr. Dias vehicle and persuaded Mr. Dias to put the gun away.

Officers Timothy Magan and Neil Rodrigues were able to locate two BB guns under the driver’s seat and a baseball bat in the rear seat of Mr. Dias’ vehicle.

Anthony Dias – age 21 with a last known address of 73 Emmet Street Fall River taken into custody on charges of Disturbing the Peace while Armed, 2 counts of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Assault and Battery, and Affray.

(photo attached)

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



Anthony S. Dias - Age 21