



**CITY OF FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Office of Professional Standards



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**PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Date: Friday, February 8th, 2019

Subject: South Street Shooting Incident –Warrant issued for suspects arrest

On January 22nd, 2019 at approximately 1:00 pm a shooting took place in broad daylight on South Main Street in our city. At that time the suspect fled the area. After an exhaustive investigation, lead investigator Detective Dwaine Cabeceiras along with members of FRPD Major Crimes and Special Operations Division pieced together numerous witness statements and security camera footage to identify a suspect and obtain a warrant for the arrest of that suspect.

The Suspect:

Rodney Z. Jette 10/02/2000 of 571 Plymouth Avenue Fall River is wanted on charges of:

- Carry/Possession of non large capacity firearm without LTC
- Carrying a Firearm without a license in public,
- Attempt to commit A&B by discharging a firearm,
- Vandalizing property 3 Counts,
- Discharging a Firearm within 500 Feet of a Building

If you see ***Rodney Z. Jette 10/02/2000*** call 911 immediately, he is considered to be ARMED and DANGEROUS.
(PHOTO ATTACHED)

As part of the South Main Street investigation, On Wednesday, February 6th, 2019 at approximately 11:45 am Officers Gregory J. Homan and Erick Bettencourt of the Special Operation Divisions Gang Unit were canvassing the area of Tecumseh and Blackstone Streets when they observed ***Kevin M. Nunes 03/31/2000***.

Mr. Nunes is a person of interest with possible connections to the Snell and Terrance Streets Shooting 01/30/2019 and the December 26th, 2018 Tecumseh Street Shooting. Officer Homen circled the block and while traveling east on Tecumseh, both Officers observed Nunes walk up a stairway on the east side of a residence. Officer Homen parked the cruiser, and both he and Bettencourt exited and walked toward the house. When they reached the house, they observed Nunes walking out to the sidewalk from the west side of the house.

Officers approached Mr. Nunes, who appeared startled, was breathing heavily, and was visibly nervous to the point his hands were shaking. Knowing Nunes lived at 224 Kennedy Street, Officers

asked him about his purpose for entering the Tecumseh Street yard. Nunes replied he was "in a bad mood" and "just out for a walk". Knowing the area was the scene of a recent shooting, Nunes' residence being on Kennedy Street, and his visibly nervous condition, Officers detained Nunes and had him sit on the curb.

Officer Homen went to the rear of the house while Officer Bettencourt asked Nunes who lived in the house and who was he there to visit. Nunes didn't reply but began sending and receiving text messages. While in the rear of the residence, Officer Homen observed trash barrels, furniture, children's toys, trash, and cardboard boxes. Behind the boxes against the house, he observed a firearm. As Officer Homen made the discovery, Nunes took off running but was quickly apprehended several yards away by Officers Jose Dapedra, Michael Hadaya, and Bettencourt. Nunes was subsequently transported to the Police Station.

While being booked on the firearms charge, a call was dispatched that there was a breaking and entering in progress at 224 Kennedy Street. This is the home of Kevin Nunes. Witnesses stated two men, one Caucasian about 5'10, wearing a black ski mask, black jacket, and blue jeans, the other male was described as black about 5'10", wearing a black ski mask, brown jacket and blue jeans were observed coming up from the basement. After a confrontation, the males fled in a Black Lexus. There were no signs of forced entry, nothing appeared to be missing. A consent search of the residence was performed with the permission of the residents with the exception of Mr. Nunes' room. No further evidence was located.

The vehicle used by Mr. Nunes was located a block away from where he was arrested and the owner of that vehicle gave consent to search it before he took possession of it. Officer Hadaya located two large bags of marihuana (approx. 2lbs total), Officer Dapedra located a scale and Detective John McDonald located 'GLAD' sandwich bags in the vehicle. The owner of the vehicle stated those items were not there prior to him letting Mr. Nunes use the vehicle. A search warrant was obtained for Mr. Nunes room on Kennedy Street. There police located over 19,000 in cash and 2 rounds of ammunition for a firearm and a small amount of marihuana.

Kevin M. Nunes 03/31/2000 of 224 Kennedy Street Fall River is charged with:

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- Possession of Ammunition w/o FID
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- Trespass w/ Firearm
- Vandalize Property
- Possession to Distribute a Class D Substance

(PHOTO ATTACHED)

*****END OF RELEASE*****

Detective John Robinson
Press information Officer
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Wanted Armed & Dangerous - FIREARM

Rodney Z. Jette age 18
D.O.B. 10/02/2000
6'1" Hgt 195 Lbs Hair – Black
Eyes- brown
517 Plymouth avenue 1L
Fall River, MA.

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