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PRESS RELEASE

SUBJECT: Tremont Street Shooting Incident – UPDATE

DATE: Thursday, November 14th, 2019 11:30 AM

As reported earlier: On Sunday, October 27th, 2019 at approximately 11:15PM, Uniformed Officers of the Fall River Police Department were dispatched to the area of 164 Tremont Street for a report of multiple shots fired.

There was also a 911 call placed by the victims after they fled the area of that shooting stating they were on Columbia Street and in need of immediate medical attention. Officers were able to find the shooting victims and begin treatment while waiting for paramedics.

Officers located (9) nine 7.62 caliber shell casings in the area of 164 Tremont Street.

- This was not a random act; it was a targeted incident with the shooter and all victims placing themselves in that area at that time.

Fall River Police Departments Major Crime Division, led by Detectives Luis Vertentes, along with the Bristol County District Attorney's Office has been actively investigating the shooting and as a result Detective Vertentes obtained two search warrants for residences in Bridgewater and Lakeville, Massachusetts.

With the assistance of the SEMLEC SWAT Team, as well as Detectives from both Bridgewater and Lakeville, the warrants were executed in the early

morning hours of November 13th, 2019 in a cumulative effort to search for evidence.

In Bridgewater, ammunition and drugs were located at the residence of 45 Wood Street.

In Lakeville, a firearm (a Springfield 9mm loaded with 20 rounds of ammunition) was located at 2 Commercial Drive, apartment 8204.

Mervin Dixon of 2 Commercial Drive was placed under arrest for a Probation Violation Warrant and he will be facing charges in both towns.

The Fall River Police Department appreciates the assistance and cooperation from both the Bridgewater and Lakeville Police Departments, who were instrumental in the execution of both warrants.

Any inquiries regarding criminal charges are being referred to the Bridgewater and Lakeville Police Departments for comment.

Anyone with information related to this investigation should contact Major Crimes Division Detective Luis Vertentes @ 508-324-2796 or call anonymously on the TIPS line @ 508-672-TIPS (8477)

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