



**CITY OF FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS
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Office of Professional Standards



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Press Release – April 20th 2020

Subject – Arrest made in Two Recent Armed Robberies

On Tuesday, April 14th, 2020, at approximately 9:55 PM, Officer Paul Furtado of the Fall River Police Departments Uniform Division responded to Season's Corner Market located on William S. Canning Boulevard in response to a panic alarm from the business. Officer Matthew Rezendes and Street Supervisor Sgt. William Martel responded to assist. Upon arrival, it was determined that the business had been robbed. The suspect, a male about 5'10" wearing a red mask and a green sweatshirt walked into the business, brandished a knife and requested money. The male took the cash, an energy drink, and cigarettes and fled on foot towards Lawton Street.

On Thursday, April 16th, 2020 at approximately 12:18 PM FRPD Officer Frank Reis III and Street Supervisor Sgt. John McDonald responded to the Robeson Street Stop N' Save in response to an armed robbery complaint. In that incident, the clerk reported a male with a beard, blue sweatshirt and khaki pants, brandishing a knife, entered the store, took two energy drinks from the cooler and approached the counter to pay. When the clerk rang the sale in, the suspect demanded the cash in the draw. After taking the cash, he fled on foot down Tremont Street.

Detective Luis Vertentes of the Major Crimes Division was assigned to further investigate both incidents. As part of that investigation, video surveillance and social media accounts were reviewed. The review of both incidents revealed enough evidence to conclude that Jeffrey John Vizthum age 42 of Swansea was the culprit in both incidents. A Warrant for his arrest would be sought.

At approximately 10:00 PM FRPD Officer Javier Rosa was dispatched to Campbell Street in regards to a motor vehicle versus house collision. As a result of that Motor Vehicle Collision and Detective Vertentes investigation, Jeffrey John Vizthum, the driver of the vehicle, was taken into custody on charges of

Armed Robbery While Masked, Armed Robbery and, as a result of the collision, Leaving the Scene of Property Damage and a Marked Lanes Violation.

FALL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT Armed Robbery Arrest



Jeffrey John Vizthum
LKA 800 Gardner's Neck
Road Swansea MA
Age 42
DOB 010/22/1977
Hgt - 6'01"
Wgt - 210
Eyes - Blue
Hair - Blond



As a result of a Motor Vehicle Collision, Jeffrey John Vizthum was taken into custody on April 16th 2020 on charges of Armed Robbery While Masked, Armed Robbery, Leaving the Scene of Property Damage and a Marked Lanes Violation. Vizthum was charged with the Armed Robberies of Season's Corner Market and the Robeson Street Stop N' Save after an investigation by Major Crimes Detective Luis Vertentes

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