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TWO SUSPECTS ARRESTED AFTER SOUTH END DRIVE-BY SHOOTING

New Bedford, Massachusetts – Tuesday night just before midnight, a 17 year old male (*not 24 years old as originally reported*) told responding patrol officers that he was sitting on the front porch with his friend at a house on McGurk Street in the City's south end when a vehicle drove by and shot him. The man was struck in the leg by a 9mm handgun and the vehicle fled the scene.

Minutes later, an alert citizen called 911 about some males acting suspiciously in a vehicle a few streets away. When officers responded, they found the vehicle and observed a 9mm shell casing inside. Officers were further directed to a nearby field where witnesses stated that the suspicious males had run to after fleeing the vehicle. When officers checked this area, they observed what appeared to be a 9mm handgun wrapped in a bandana. Officers also had found 9mm shell casings at the scene of the shooting a few streets away, so the officers secured the area and set up a perimeter while they waited for a police K9 to respond.

Once Officer Jean Gomes arrived with his K9, they were able to track from the vehicle to two different nearby yards where they located 2 suspects, each of which was hiding in a shed at the time Officer Gomes and his K9 partner located them. The two suspects were taken into custody without further incident and formally arrested by Officer Nathan Monteiro.

The two suspects arrested by Officer Nathan Monteiro have been identified as **Patrick Alves** (12-5-1990) and **Jeremy Costa** (4-23-1990), both of New Bedford. They were each charged with a number of firearms and other offenses including armed assault with intent to murder and could face life imprisonment if convicted. The defendants were arraigned in New Bedford 3rd District Court this morning and were ordered held without bail. They will appear back in court on Wednesday, May 28th, for a Dangerousness Hearing.

The New Bedford Police Department's Major Crimes Detectives are continuing the investigation and processing the evidence and crime scenes.

The victim, who was transported to St Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, was treated and remains in stable condition. He is expected to fully recover.

Anyone with any information about this or any other crimes in New Bedford may contact our **Tip Line at 508.961.4584**, submit their tip via our **Website at www.newbedfordpd.com** or send their tip by **Email or Text Message to tip@newbedford-ma.gov**. **ALL information may be kept completely anonymous.**



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Media Report

PERSONS FILE Number: 117066

Name: **ALVES, PATRICK**



Photo Date: 5/21/2008

Race: BLACK
DOB: 12/05/1990
Age: 17
SSN: 016-74-7832
Sex: MALE
Eyes: BROWN
Hair: BROWN
Height: 65 INCHES
Weight: 120 LBS

Last known Address: 56 MOSHER ST

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Media Report

PERSONS FILE Number: 120219

Name: COSTA, JEREMY



Photo Date: 5/21/2008

Race: WHITE
DOB: 04/23/1990
Age: 18
SSN: ([4;2])([6;4])
Sex: MALE
Eyes: HAZEL
Hair: BROWN
Height: 68 INCHES
Weight: 230 LBS



Last known Address: 799 S FIRST ST

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