

Friday, Sept. 13, 2024

Mayor's Newton Update

Last Evening's Shooting

Yesterday we had a frightening and disturbing incident in Newton, involving a shooting.

Police Chief George McMains and the Newton Police responded immediately, along with the Newton Fire Department and our ambulance company, Coastal Medical.



Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan provided the following update a short time ago:

NEWTON – Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Acting Newton Chief of Police George McMains have confirmed some additional details regarding the evolving investigation into a non-fatal shooting that occurred in Newton yesterday in the area of Harvard and Washington Streets.

The preliminary investigation suggests that, at approximately 6:40 p.m., Scott Hayes, 47 of Framingham, was standing on the corner of Harvard and Washington streets demonstrating with a small group. Another man, identified as a 31-year-old Newton resident, was walking on the other side of the street when he began shouting comments at the demonstrators. A verbal exchange ensued. The Newton man then ran across the street and tackled Hayes to the ground. An altercation followed during which Hayes allegedly shot the Newton man.

Newton Police were called to the scene where medical aid was rendered and the man was transported to an area hospital where he remains at this time. He is now expected to survive his injuries.

Scott Hayes was arrested on scene by Newton Police.

As a result of the continuing investigation into this matter, Newton Police today applied for a criminal complaint for assault and battery against the 31-year-old Newton man. An assault and battery that does not occur in the presence of a police officer is not an arrestable offense. [M.G.L. c.276, sec. 28](#) requires that a summons issue. The person charged is then entitled to a hearing before the Clerk Magistrate to determine whether probable cause exists.

Scott Hayes was arraigned this afternoon in Newton District Court on the charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Last night bail was set by the

bail commissioner at \$50,000. The Court set bail at \$50,000/\$5,000 cash with the condition that defendant abide by a daily curfew of home confinement between 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. He was also ordered to stay away from and have no contact with the injured party, to stay away from the City of Newton, and to not possess any dangerous weapons. His license to carry has also been suspended. The next date in the case is November 7, 2024.

This ongoing investigation is being conducted by the Newton Police, the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the District Attorney and investigators are still gathering and reviewing video of the incident and conducting witness interviews.

I am grateful to the Newton Police for their professionalism and skill and for the excellent medical services provided by NFD and Coastal.

I am equally grateful for the careful decision making of District Attorney Ryan and her team.

I encourage all of us to be calm, speak civilly, and act respectfully.

Warmly,
Ruthanne Fuller

p.s. If anyone needs emotional support, please reach out to the Riverside Trauma Center. They offer support services and referrals 24/7 to help people after critical incidents, including violence. They can be reached at 781-433-0672.



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