

Boston's Award-Winning Wine Shop The Urban Grape Shuts Down



Photo via Google Maps.

BY SOUTH END NEWS STAFF

The Urban Grape, a celebrated South End wine retailer, has permanently closed after unsuccessful negotiations with its lender.

Owners TJ and Hadley Douglas announced the closure on Instagram, revealing that their Columbus Avenue shop was forced to shut down following a breakdown in discussions with Cambridge Savings Bank, their SBA lender. The couple

disclosed that they had spent more than a year working with family members and investors to reach an agreement that would preserve the business and restore its inventory to previous levels.

"For over 12 months, TJ and I, along with our family and a group of wonderful investors, have worked tirelessly to reach an agreement with our local SBA lender, Cambridge

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Two RI Men Await Trial After South End Takeover

BY SOUTH END STAFF

Two Rhode Island men are awaiting a pre-trial hearing next month after being charged in connection with a violent confrontation that left a Boston police cruiser destroyed during an early morning "vehicle takeover" on October 5.

Julian Bowers, 18, of Cumberland, and William Cantwell, 19, of Warwick, were arrested following the chaotic scene at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Tremont Street around 2 a.m. Both

men pleaded not guilty at their arraignment on October 7 in Roxbury District Court.

According to Boston Police, a crowd of more than 100 people blocked the intersection with vehicles and immediately began attacking marked cruisers with fireworks, traffic cones, poles, and other objects. One cruiser sustained extensive damage after being repeatedly struck with fireworks,

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Immigrant's Story Shines in Triumphant 'Hamilton' Return

BY JULES BECKER
Contributing Writer

The original 13 colonies had to free themselves from a kind of bondage to King George III and England. In light of the need to establish an American republic, was Alexander Hamilton a kind of American Revolution Moses? Lin-Manuel Miranda, the brilliant author and composer of the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical "Hamilton", may have been thinking just that when he alluded to the great Jewish leader in the early going of his landmark show.

In suggesting that the distinctive Founding Father was similar to Promised Land-heading Moses, Miranda's provocative book has

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Hamilton, National Tour presented by Broadway in Boston at Citizens Opera House, Boston, through November 2. BroadwayinBoston.com



(Left to Right) Nathan Haydel, Tyler Faunteroy, Jared Howerton, Elvie Ellis, and Company in the Hamilton National Tour. Photo by Joan Marcus.

The 4th Mel King Monthly Brunch To Be Held At The Piano Craft Gallery

SUBMITTED BY TSEBC

The South End Brunch Club (TSEBC) will host their next Mel King Monthly Brunch at the Piano Craft Gallery in the Piano Factory Apartments, 793 Tremont Street, South End Boston on Sunday, October 19th, 11AM-2PM.

Mel King, who passed away in 2023, was a civil rights activist,

organizer and university instructor. King opened his home to the community for over fifty years. TSEBC will award their 2nd Mel King Leadership Award to Aziza Robinson-Goodnight, a community leader and activist who is being recognized for her work with Boston's young leaders. Aziza has worked in Boston's Black Community on issues ranging from reparations to

entrepreneurship. She is committed to shaping, reenergizing and creating systemic changes in her native Boston.

The brunch program segment will be led by TSEBC founding member and Creative Director Bless Robinson who is also a poet/singer/holistic healer. The program

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PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEF

COMPILED FROM REPORTS
BY SOUTH END STAFF

Fatal Pedestrian Accident on BU Medical Campus

A pedestrian was struck and killed by a Boston University shuttle bus near 774 Albany Street on the BU Medical Campus at approximately 7:58 a.m. Monday morning. The victim, whose identity has not been

released, became trapped beneath the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Boston Police Department's Homicide Unit and Fatal Collision Investigation Team responded to the incident. Albany Street between Northampton Street and Massachusetts Avenue was closed in both directions for several hours, with

the Mass. Ave. Connector to Boston Medical Center also temporarily shut down. All roads reopened by early afternoon.

The investigation remains ongoing, and no arrests have been made. BU spokesperson Colin Riley called the incident "a terrible tragedy."

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Hamilton allow that he might not live to see America's glory. (In fact, a first act number revealingly entitled "Ten Duel Commandments", that will connect with Hamilton's death at the hands of Aaron Burr, may be a subtle allusion to the fact that Hamilton actually learned the Ten Commandments in Hebrew).

Some history buffs may see this comparison as a stretch, but the wonderfully entertaining and thoughtful musical, now in a stellar return tour at the Citizens Opera House, clearly makes a strong case for seeing Hamilton's writings and actions as essential to the beginning of the American Experiment.

As the show's informative backstory explains, Hamilton immigrated to the American colonies from the Caribbean (actually from the island of Nevis). At various points, the influence of his mother (who would convert to Judaism before his birth) is stressed. Eventually George Washington, as indicated in the musical's book, especially in a number entitled "Right Hand Man", would depend on Hamilton's thinking and writings.

In the later going, even his detractors admit that he composed the lion's share of the Federalist Papers, many more than those penned by James Madison and Thomas Jefferson. Where Jefferson complains about projected expenses in Hamilton's plans, the latter sharply notes that the former's Virginia is doing particularly well thanks to plantation slave labor.

Ultimately, of course, the focal conflict throughout the musical is the on-going rivalry between Hamilton and Aaron Burr. Miranda's book has Hamilton tellingly accusing Burr of consistently failing to take a stand on the issues involved in establishing America. At the same time that Burr resents Hamilton's seeming favored place, reflected in the number "Washington on Your Side," the very ambitious political figure is virtually obsessed with "The



(Left to Right) Lily Soto, Marja Harmon and Lauren Mariasoosay as the three Schuyler sisters in the Hamilton National Tour. Photo by Joan Marcus.

Room Where It Happens", a standout number that has become a kind of idiom for involvement in decision-making.

Make no mistake. While "Hamilton" celebrates the importance of immigrants like the title character to the greatness of America and makes smart use of historical material in the process, the show always provides breath-taking stage craft and a rich repertoire of musical performance. The talented cast is as good in its own way as that of the previous tour and the Broadway original (which this critic saw in 2015).

Nathan Haydel as Hamilton (at the performance this critic saw; some cast assignments change throughout the run) combines his character's enthusiasm as a budding lawmaker, especially on the lively early number "My Shot" and his boldness in advancing his ideas. Amanda Simone Lee is a standout as Hamilton's sister-in-law Angelica Schuyler, particularly as the musical's moral anchor in the face of her brother-in-law's infidelity. Deonte Goodman captures all of Burr's drive and discontent (Jimmy "JJ" Jeter has assumed the role for the rest of the run). A. D. Weaver moves very convincingly as George Washington from President to private citizen speaking of retiring under a grapevine and fig tree, clearly a biblical allusion.

Christian Magby successfully alternates between French heroically Lafayette and Jefferson. Magby is a jazzy hoot in the catchy second act opener "What'd I Miss" as Jefferson returns from France. Lauren Mariasoosay is touching as the loving and loyal wife Eliza Hamilton. Jorge Guerra has all of son Philip Hamilton's earnestness and vulnerability. Matt Bitner as King George III sings and moves with amusing if evolving certainty that the colonies will eventually return to the British Empire.

A first act statement that "Immigrants, we get the job done" rightly elicited cheers from the Opera House audience. Hamilton certainly did, and the same can be easily said about the strong current tour.

suggested plans to reinvent The Urban Grape in some capacity, inviting customers to follow their journey through their Substack newsletter, The Second Bottle, and Instagram.

The wine shop had been operating for 13 years at 303 Columbus Avenue, building a reputation for its curated wine selection alongside beer and spirits offerings. The store became known for hosting numerous wine tasting events and earned significant recognition, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Small Business of the Year award in 2021.

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Urban Grape

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Savings Bank, with the hope of saving and rebuilding the store to its former inventory and success," the owners stated. They noted that negotiations fell apart in recent days, forcing an immediate closure.

Despite the setback, the Douglas couple indicated they aren't giving up on their business entirely. In their announcement, they

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SOUTH END CALENDAR

ONGOING EVENTS

SoWa Artists Guild Open Studios Every Sunday, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, 450 Harrison Avenue. Over 80 professional studio artists open their doors year-round. Browse studios, meet artists, and buy art directly from makers. FREE Website: sowartists.com

SoWa First Fridays First Friday of each month, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM, 450 Harrison Avenue & throughout SoWa Art + Design District. Artists, galleries, shops and showrooms open their doors for an evening of art and culture. FREE Website: sowartists.com

Community Music Center of Boston Programming Registration open for fall 2025 lessons and classes. 109-year-old accredited music school providing equitable access to music education. Website: cmcb.org

Age Strong Commission Programming Union Church, 485 Columbus Avenue. Programs for older adults including fitness and social activities. Contact: 617-635-4505

Youth Flag Football Saturdays, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Carter Playground Bubble, 709 Columbus Avenue. Free co-ed program for ages 8U, 10U, 12U, and girls 15U. Registration: boston.gov/sports

WEEK OF OCTOBER 17-19

Head of the Charles Regatta (60th Anniversary) Friday, October 17 - Sunday, October 19, 2025, Charles River, Boston/Cambridge. World's largest 3-day rowing competition with 11,500+ competitors and 325,000 spectators. Friday: 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM; Saturday: 7:45 AM - 5:00 PM; Sunday: 7:45 AM - 4:30 PM. Viewable from both sides of Charles River and bridges. FREE to spectators. Website: hocr.org

South End Historical Society House Tour (57th Annual) Saturday, October 18, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Pick up tickets and guidebooks at Sprogis & Neale Real Estate, 679 Tremont Street. Boston's premier open house tour featuring historic South End homes. General Admission: \$30 advance / \$35 day of tour. Note: Online advance ticket sales end 4:00 PM on Friday, October 17. Website: southendhistoricalsociety.org

Titus Sparrow Park Clean Up and Fall Gathering Saturday, October 18, Titus Sparrow Park, 75 West Rutland Square. Community park clean-up and seasonal gathering. FREE

Cathedral of the Holy Cross Concert Sunday, October 19, 3:00 PM, Cathedral of the Holy Cross, 1400 Washington Street. Celebrating Opus 801's 150th Anniversary with notable artists. General Admission \$20

/ \$10 Seniors, Students. Website: bostoncathedral.com

WEEK OF OCTOBER 20-26

Ellis South End Neighborhood Association - Community Dinner Stroll Monday, October 20, 5:30 PM. Start at Spy Bar, 40 Berkeley Street. Begin as one group for drinks and appetizers, then groups of 8 will stroll to multiple restaurants. Contact: ellisneighborhood.org for registration details

Seeds of Success 20th Anniversary Fundraising Event

The Blackstone Franklin Square Neighborhood Association celebrates two decades of supporting South End students at their annual scholarship fundraiser.

Tuesday, October 21, 6-8 PM. Join neighbors for an evening of food, drinks, and live music while hearing directly from scholarship recipients about their educational journeys. Since 2005, BFSNA has awarded over 200 scholarships to South End high school seniors pursuing higher education. Tickets and donations available at blackstonefranklinscholarship.square.site.

Boston Ship Festival Thursday, October 23, 2025. Celebrating the power of words with ticketed events culminating in annual festival that promotes a culture of reading and ideas.

SoWa Open Market - Final of Season (Halloween Special) Sunday, October 26, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM, 500 Harrison Avenue. Last SoWa Open Market of the 2025 season with Halloween festivities. Free pumpkin painting, face painting, and costume contest with prizes. FREE

Halloween 2025 Thursday, October 31, 2025. Rutland Street will be closed to traffic from Tremont Street to Shawmut Street from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM for trick-or-treating.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

SoWa Winter Festival (10th Annual) Opening Day: Friday, November 28 (Black Friday), 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Dates: November 28 - December 28, 2025 Location: SoWa Power Station, 550 Harrison Avenue

Hours of Operation: Opening Day (Friday, November 28): 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Tuesday - Thursday: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Friday: 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM Mondays: CLOSED Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: CLOSED 100+ local vendors featuring handmade art, holiday gifts, specialty foods, and cocktails. Live musical acts including D's Keys (single

pianist Fridays-Sundays 2:00-4:00 PM, Dueling Pianos Fridays & Saturdays 5:00-9:00 PM, Sundays 4:00-8:00 PM). Mezzanine Bar and Lounge, food trucks, and holiday workshops (Mondays-Wednesdays) featuring ornament and wreath-making, candle-making, gemstone jewelry, and printmaking. Admission: \$10 (Children 12 and under free). Onsite parking available. Website: sowaboston.com

SoWa Winter Festival - Special Opening Weekend Black Friday: Friday, November 29, 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM **Small Business Saturday:** Saturday, November 30, 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

COMMUNITY SERVICES & PROGRAMMING

Boston Public Library Programs Note: South End Branch closed for facilities issues - residents can access services at Central Library in Copley Square

- ESOL Conversation Groups (Tuesdays, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM)
- Story Times for children
- Adult programming and literacy services
- Website: bpl.org

United South End Settlements (USES) 48 Rutland Street. Early childhood education, after-school programs, family services. Website: uses.org

City Hall on the Go Mobile City Hall services including paying parking tickets, requesting documents, checking voter registration. Check boston.gov for South End schedule locations and times. Note: Does not accept cash payments. Website: boston.gov

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

South End Landmark District Commission First Tuesday of each month. Reviews proposed changes to South End building exteriors.

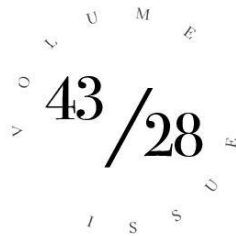
Neighborhood Association Meetings

- Ellis South End Neighborhood Association - Website: ellisneighborhood.org
- Pilot Block Neighborhood Association - Email: PBNAinfo@gmail.com
- Various other associations - check with individual groups

CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

South End Neighborhood Liaison Sarah Sharpe, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services 617-635-4505 | Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM

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Mel King Brunch

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segment is entitled "Healing: Peeling Back The Layers". Bless Robinson will lead those

in attendance with self healing methods that they can continue to practice. "Healing begins within and I am pleased to share the methods, techniques and holistic therapy that has shaped, shifted and transformed my

journey. And now I stand in my purpose, the blueprint of my ancestors." says Robinson.

The TSEBC's first three Mel King Monthly Brunches, held in 2025 have been wildly successful with all three reaching capacity status.

For the most up-to-date event information, visit boston.gov/events, sowaboston.com, seaboston.org, haleyhouse.org, southendhistoricalsociety.org, ellisneighborhood.org, or check individual organization websites and social media pages. Weather may affect outdoor events. Event times and dates subject to change.

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Friends of the South End Library

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New library news

Our last Community Meeting in June highlighted the latest design elements of the new building being planned to replace the current, closed library branch. We have recently learned we are likely to have another Community Meeting in October, which is not yet confirmed. At that time, we hope to see more interior design details as well learn when the "action" -- demolition, materials management, construction fencing -- will begin and what the timeline looks like.

Last summer concert

The summer season for Pat Loomis concerts concluded at the end of August, and was well-received! Brazilian flavor jazz mixed with a few pop songs by Pat Loomis & Friends, including a lovely vocalist, Concetta. We're actively scouting out a temporary venue for next summer since our beloved Library Park will be closed for construction.

Fall author series

The South End Library Author Series returns: come enjoy stimulating evenings connecting with admired authors whose work will range across multiple genres and geographies! It's also a great time to connect with friends and neighbors! After the talk and Q&A discussion, take advantage of the opportunity to purchase the showcased book(s) from Parkside Books, enjoy the signing, and appreciate delicious appetizers, wine or soft drinks with other readers from the South End. Our Fall 2025 series of three sessions will be held at the Union Church at 485 Columbus Ave, at 6:30pm in the Connection Room. They will also be available by Zoom for those who are unable to come in person.

Oct. 22: Joanne Harris; Nov. 12: Alma Kats; Dec. 12: Ilyon Woo

Sexta Reunión Comunitaria para la nueva sucursal de South End

Miércoles, 28 de mayo de 2025, de 18:30 a 20:00 h

Esta reunión será virtual. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84791519089?pwd=sZ8d1BQzwVmUav5PRKnAhmFyhBX5Wq.1&jst=3#success>

FOSEL insta a la aprobación oportuna del presupuesto municipal

[adaptado de un artículo de Marleen Nienhuis para el boletín informativo de Rutland Square]

El presupuesto municipal de la alcaldesa Michelle Wu para el año fiscal 2026-27 ya está en manos del Ayuntamiento, y los defensores de los Amigos de la Biblioteca de South End han comenzado a presionar al Ayuntamiento para que proteja los 30 millones de dólares asignados en el presupuesto para la sustitución de la Biblioteca de South End.

Yvette Jarreau, presidenta de los Amigos de la Biblioteca de South End, intervino el 6 de mayo en la audiencia sobre el presupuesto municipal, presidida por el concejal del Distrito 4, Brian Worrell. Jarreau señaló que la sucursal de South End ha estado cerrada durante casi cinco años debido a la COVID-19 y las inundaciones. La nueva biblioteca no abrirá hasta finales de 2028.

"Tenemos niños en South End que no tienen experiencia con una biblioteca sucursal" en su barrio, dijo Jarreau. Tenemos personas mayores que temen no estar presentes para el nuevo año fiscal. Es crucial que voten a favor del dinero asignado en el presupuesto para el próximo año fiscal.

Si desea que se escuche su voz para apoyar la financiación, comuníquese con el concejal Brian Worrell, presidente de Ways and Means, brian.worrell@boston.gov o por teléfono: 617 635-3131.

Conciertos de verano en el Parque de la Biblioteca

Pat Loomis y sus amigos ofrecerán una serie de conciertos de jazz y blues en el Parque de la Biblioteca, cada martes a partir de las 18:30 h: 1, 15, 29, 12 y 26 de agosto (fechas por determinar si llueve).

Estos probablemente serán los últimos eventos patrocinados por FOSEL en el parque antes de la demolición del edificio actual y el inicio de la construcción del nuevo.

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Estate of: Melvin Smith Date of Death: 08/01/2025		
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Donna M Roberts of Hanson MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Donna M Roberts of Hanson MA and Linda G. Montgomery of Boston, MA and Yvonne Y. Davis of Mattapan, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300	
IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/30/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.		
WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 26, 2025 <i>Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate</i>		

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304		Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. SU25P2257GD
In the matter of: Benjamin Marxer Of: Boston, MA		RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Benjamin Marxer is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114	
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/23/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.		
WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 02, 2025 <i>Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate</i>		

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION		Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. SU25P2319EA
Estate of: Joseph W. Casper, Jr. Also known as: Joseph William Casper, Jr.		Date of Death: 08/18/2025
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Laureen M Vaughn of Milton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Laureen M Vaughn of Milton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300	
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WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 9, 2025 <i>Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate</i>		

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405		Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. SU25P2258PM
In the matter of: Benjamin Marxer Of: Boston, MA		RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)
Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114		
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Benjamin Marxer is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/23/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.		
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causing smoke and fire inside the vehicle. Members of the crowd also jumped onto the hood of the cruiser before it was ultimately destroyed by fire and towed from the scene.

Bowers faces charges of malicious destruction of property over \$1,200, disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, and resisting arrest after allegedly throwing objects at officers and their cruiser. Cantwell faces identical charges, plus possession of Class D marijuana after officers discovered two packages of edibles in his bag. The legal age for cannabis use in Massachusetts is 21.

Both suspects posted bail—\$500 for Bowers and \$1,000 for Cantwell—significantly lower than the amounts prosecutors requested. The district attorney's office had sought \$15,000 bail for Bowers and \$20,000 for Cantwell, along with GPS monitoring and curfew conditions.

The low bail amounts sparked immediate criticism from state officials. Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey issued a strongly worded statement condemning the incident and the bail decision. "These individuals' behavior was completely destructive, dangerous and against the law," Healey said. "I'm disgusted by these meetups, and I will be taking action to support law enforcement and hold accountable anyone who attacks our police and communities to the fullest extent of the law. Bail should have been set higher as the prosecution requested."

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu also condemned the violence. "The outside individuals who brought dangerous and disorderly conduct into Boston last night will be prosecuted and held fully accountable for their actions," Wu said in a statement issued after the incident. "These groups are not welcome here and will face serious consequences."

Larry Calderone, president of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, described the event as a coordinated attack on law enforcement. "There shouldn't be any tolerance for this type of behavior," Calderone said. "They knew what they were going to do and they were hell-bent on attacking police officers."

As conditions of their release, both men must wear GPS monitoring bracelets and are prohibited from entering Boston except for court proceedings or meetings with their attorneys. Court records indicate both suspects also have a pending drag racing case in Rhode Island.

The two men are scheduled to appear in court on November 5 for a pre-trial hearing.

Boston Police continue to investigate the incident and are asking anyone with information to contact detectives at 617-343-4683.

Public Safety

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Fatal Shooting in Roxbury

A woman was fatally shot multiple times on Washington Street near Lenox Street at approximately 1:07 p.m. Monday. The victim was transported to a hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Washington Street between Lenox and Northampton streets was temporarily closed during the investigation. Police have not released information about what led to the shooting, and no arrests have been announced.

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