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BROCKTON MAN ARRAIGNED ON GUN CHARGES

BROCKTON – A Brockton man was held on bail after he was arraigned on charges that he possessed a firearm, ammunition and large capacity feeding device, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Jair Barros, 34, of Brockton, was arraigned today on one count each of Carrying a Loaded Firearm Without a License, Carrying a Firearm Without a License, Possession of a Large Capacity Feeding Device, Possession of Ammunition Without an FID Card, and being an Armed Career Criminal. Barros pleaded not guilty to the charges and the Commonwealth requested that he be held on \$50,000 cash bail. Brockton District Court Judge Daniel DiLorati set bail at \$25,000 with the condition that if Barros make bail, he wear a GPS monitoring bracelet.

The Commonwealth sought the issuance of a civil citation charging Barros with a violation of the City of Brockton's executive order, which went into effect on August 22. The order requires that all residents stay at home and adhere to a curfew between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. The Brockton District Court Clerk failed to issue that citation.

At approximately 12:21 a.m. on Sunday members of the Massachusetts State Police Gang Unit who were requested by Brockton Police to bolster curfew enforcement in the city, observed a suspicious vehicle parked with one occupant outside the vehicle at 1005 South Main Street. State Troopers approached the man and inquired if he was an essential worker or responding to an emergency. The man's responses and actions led State Police to conduct a search for weapons and officers located a .40 caliber Smith & Wesson pistol and black nylon holster in the center console. The firearm was loaded with a high capacity magazine and ammunition. At that point, State Police placed Barros under arrest.

Barros is next scheduled to appear in court on September 21.