Massachusetts postal worker assaulted along Medford route, officials say



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**MEDFORD, Mass. —**

Police are investigating after a United States Postal Service letter carrier was assaulted Tuesday and has his key stolen in Medford, Massachusetts.

Medford police said the postal worker was assaulted at about 11:40 a.m. near the intersection of Winthrop Street and Arden Road.

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Witnesses said three teens wearing hooded sweatshirts and masks attacked the worker as he made his rounds on his usual route.

"I heard an older gentleman scream and by the time I looked outside my window, I just saw him on the ground in our neighbor's driveway and he wasn't getting up," said Medford resident Sarah Carroll. "His papers were everywhere. I didn't know it was the mailman at the time. I saw that neighbor come out of her house and she was with him and comforting him, and then the police and ambulances showed up."

The victim suffered cuts and bruises on his head and was taken to Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where he was listed in stable condition. Witnesses said the letter carrier was bleeding from his head when a neighbor rushed to help him.

"She went out on the porch and she was screaming to them: 'Leave him alone!' And they said: 'If you don't want to die, give us the keys,'" one witness said. "It's a disgrace. They're there to do their job. It's sad. It's very sad."

Police said the three assailants stole a master key from the postal carrier that is used to access USPS mailboxes. The assailants then fled toward the area of Playstead Road to an awaiting vehicle.

According to Medford police, the suspect vehicle was located in Lowell and a number of people inside were identified. Police noted, however, that no arrests have yet been made as the investigation is "extremely fluid and ongoing."

Last week, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service said it was offering [**two $150,000 rewards**](https://www.wcvb.com/article/two-dollar150000-rewards-offered-in-thefts-of-mail-carriers-in-boston/45642051) in connection with the thefts of two robberies of mail carriers in Boston.

A mail carrier was robbed just before noon on Sept. 22 in the area of Whitfield Road in Dorchester, officials said. Postal keys were stolen, officials said. On Oct. 18, officials said a mail carrier was robbed in Mattapan in the area of Stonecrest Road. Officials said postal keys were also stolen in this incident.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts, there have been more than a dozen assaults on USPS letter carriers while in the performance of their official duties in Boston and surrounding cities and towns since July 2022.

In December 2022, [**two 16-year-old boys robbed a USPS letter carrier in Melrose**](https://www.wcvb.com/article/arrests-charges-armed-robbery-usps-carrier-melrose-massachusetts/42309923) by pointing an airsoft pistol at her and showing her a knife.

A Boston man then robbed a USPS letter carrier at gunpoint in Peabody [**the following month**](https://www.wcvb.com/article/arrest-made-armed-robbery-of-postal-worker-peabody-massachusetts/43015111).

In March 2023, a USPS letter carrier was [**slashed with a machete in Lowell**](https://www.wcvb.com/article/usps-letter-carrier-assaulted-lowell-massachusetts-1678994547/43340546).

The National Association of Letter Carriers union states the frightening attacks are taking a toll on postal workers.

"It's happening way too much and it's all across the country," said Tom Rooney, president of the NALC Branch 34 in Boston. "We want the public to step up and keep an eye out for your letter carriers."

Anyone with information is asked to call the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at 877-876-2455.

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A letter carrier is recovering after being attacked while walking his route.

Police are investigating after a U.S. Postal Service worker was assaulted on Tuesday in Medford, Massachusetts.

The attack reportedly happened around 11:40 a.m. in the area of Arden Road, shortly after the letter carrier had delivered mail to an area home.

Danielle Schrage, a postal inspector with the Boston Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, confirmed that postal inspectors were responding to a report of a letter carrier who was assaulted on their route in Medford.

"The carrier has been taken to the hospital," she said in an email.

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**Postal worker assaulted after delivering mail to Medford home**

Police say a group attacked on Arden Road in Medford, leaving the mail carrier bloodied and lying in a nearby driveway.

Schrage said the situation is still very fluid, and she didn't have any further details. The mail carrier's condition is not yet known.

There was no immediate word on whether any arrests had been made.

"I've been a carrier 37 years, and you never heard of these incidents happening," said John Fanning, vice president of the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 34 Boston. "It's just a horrible thing, it's sad to see it becoming the norm in our business now."

Photos and video from the scene showed a section of the neighborhood cordoned off with police tape and multiple officers at the scene investigating.



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