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## Sox charged with error for allegedly stealing signs

Report: Team used Apple Watch to relay signals by Yankee catchers

By **Kyle Hightower**  
 AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — Looking for any edge in an age-old rivalry, the Boston Red Sox got called out in a high-tech sign-stealing scheme they ran on the New York Yankees.

The first-place Red Sox admitted to Major League Baseball that they used an Apple Watch to relay signals from opposing catchers to Boston players, *The New York Times* reported Tuesday. Sign stealing has long been a part of the game, but employing electronic

gadgets to do it is against the rules. MLB is looking into allegations levied by the Yankees after a series between the teams last month in Boston. The *Times* said the Red Sox told MLB investigators that Boston

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"Do I think sign stealing has been taking place for a long time" I will acknowledge that," Red Sox General Manager Dave Dombrowski said Tuesday.

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### First on the gleam team



Don Nicolls of Pelham, N.H., checks over the oh-so-spotless engine of his candy-orange Chevy Bel-Air during the Ashby American Legion's eighth annual Holmes Curran Bennett Post 361 car show fundraiser for veterans.

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## Pols hit Trump on push to end DACA

Markey, Healey, Baker call it unfair to youths

By **Colin A. Young**  
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BOSTON — A handful of Massachusetts elected officials on Tuesday slammed President Donald Trump's decision to end the program that protects children brought to America illegally by their parents from deportation as heartbreaking, shameful, hypocritical and "just plain evil."

The Trump administration's announcement Tuesday that it will end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals immigration policy implemented by the Obama administration within six months was met in Massachusetts with some of

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## Job 1? Making sure the lights stay on

Sullivan keeps family tradition alive at Ashburnham Light Plant

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ASHBURNHAM — The man responsible for making sure all of the town's 3,000 customers have steady access to affordable power is a Bay State transplant and master electrician who places a premium on customer service.

"I like using my hands, working outside, and the challenge and theory associated with the subject matter," said Kevin Sullivan, who on Tuesday, his 15th day as the new general

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Kevin Sullivan, new general manager of the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant, brings many years of experience to the job.

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## Tran plans run for Senate seat vacated by Flanagan

FITCHBURG — City Councilor-at-large Dean Tran announced Tuesday that he is a Republican candidate for the state Senate seat recently vacated by Jennifer L. Flanagan so she can serve as the governor's appointee to the state Cannabis Commission.

"I am excited to offer my candidacy as the next full-time state senator for the Worcester and Middlesex District," Tran said in



Dean Tran ... plans run

a statement released early Tuesday evening in which he congratulated Flanagan on

her appointment. "We are all grateful for her years of

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### SPORTS



#### Pats packing the power

The Patriots are a strong favorite once again after winning their fifth Super Bowl. **Page 9**

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#### Must-see TV for fall season

So many shows, so little time. Yes, another fall television season has arrived and, as usual, there's an abundance of programming. **Page 14**

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# Mass. officials blast Trump on DACA plan

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the strongest anti-Trump rhetoric yet and pledges to fight the policy change.

"These young people are not the so-called bad hombres that Donald Trump said that he was going to focus on," Sen. Edward Markey said at a press conference in downtown Boston. "This is heart-breaking, it is unjust and it is just plain evil. ... These dreamers are engineers, police officers, teachers, students ... they are our best and our brightest and are making the most of the opportunities that the United States has always provided for immigrant families."

In a statement, Trump said the issue of DACA must be resolved "with heart and compassion — but through the lawful Democratic process" and that his administration is not going to target DACA beneficiaries for deportation.

"Our enforcement priorities remain

unchanged. We are focused on criminals, security threats, recent border-crossers, visa overstays, and repeat violators," the president said in the statement. "I have advised the Department of Homeland Security that DACA recipients are not enforcement priorities unless they are criminals, are involved in criminal activity, or are members of a gang."

Markey said there are approximately 8,000 Massachusetts residents currently in the DACA program who would be "needlessly put in jeopardy" when the program expires and said the state and national economies would be harmed by the decision. Over 10 years, the national GDP would lose \$460 billion and the federal government would see \$24.6 billion less in Social Security and Medicare taxes over that same time period if the program is scrapped.

Among those who have benefitted from DACA is Diana Ortiz, who came to Amer-

ica from Mexico illegally as a 6-year-old child with her mother. A Harvard graduate, Ortiz called on Congress to "have the courage to make something permanent."

"We knew that DACA was a temporary program and yet it allowed us to take a breath of fresh air for once in our lives to be able to work without the fear of being deported, to be able to travel within the United States without the fear of being deported," she said.

Ortiz added, "We are such a part of this country and we only wish for this country to see us for what we are. We are Americans by heart, even if we're not American by law."

Markey said Congressional Republicans should be prepared for "a political juggernaut of voices and calls and protests demanding protections for Dreamers" when they return to session later this week. He said he expects a "historic

debate" on the floor of the U.S. Senate.

Markey said he hopes that Congress will tack protections for DACA beneficiaries onto the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act, which must be taken up by the Senate before the 2017 budget expires on Sept. 30.

In making the announcement Tuesday morning, Attorney General Jeff Sessions said DACA was fatally flawed because of the way in which the Obama administration put the policy in place.

"The policy was implemented unilaterally to great controversy and legal concern after Congress rejected legislative proposals to extend similar benefits on numerous occasions to this same group of illegal aliens ... such an open-ended circumvention of immigration laws was an unconstitutional exercise of authority by the Executive Branch," Sessions said at a Tuesday press conference.

## Assault leaves man gravely hurt

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LEOMINSTER — A man was gravely injured in an assault Tuesday evening at 20 Lake Shore Drive, according to a law enforcement source.

The assault took place before 8 p.m. at a residence on a sleepy road where single-family homes line Lake Samoset.

By 9:20 p.m., yellow crime tape cordoned off the area around the residence, which was partially illuminated by a tall light on the otherwise unlit road.

A law enforcement official wearing white plastic coverings over his shoes

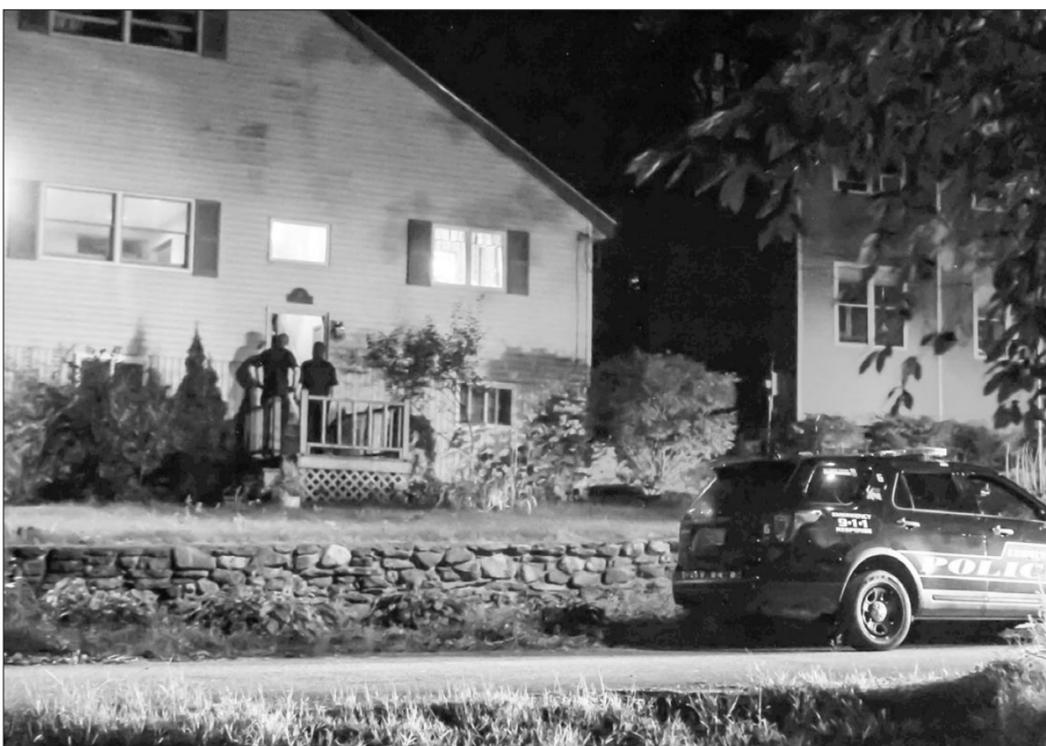
unloaded equipment from an unmarked car then entered the residence.

Leominster Interim Police Chief Michael Goldman and a state police official on scene referred all inquiries to the Worcester County District Attorney's office.

A spokesman for the District Attorney's office did not return messages seeking comment Tuesday night.

A neighbor reported seeing more than a dozen law enforcement vehicles outside his home at around 8 p.m.

"All I saw was 10 or 15 police cars out there," the neighbor said. "I think it was domestic, a family fighting."



Leominster police work at 20 Lakeview Drive Tuesday night after a man was assaulted. SENTINEL & ENTERPRISE / SCOTT LAPRADE

## Report: Sox used Apple Watch to get signs

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Manager John Farrell, General Manager Dave Dombrowski and other team executives were not aware of the operation, which had been going on for weeks.

Commissioner Rob Manfred, who was at Fenway Park on Tuesday night as part of a previously planned visit, said he wanted to get the matter resolved quickly. He didn't comment about possible penalties.

"The only thing that I can tell you about repercussions is that to the extent that there was a violation on either side — and I'm not saying that there was — to the extent that there was a violation on either side, we are 100

percent comfortable that it is not an ongoing issue — that if it happened, it is no longer happening," he said.

This isn't the first time a successful Boston-area sports franchise has been accused of cheating in recent years.

New England Patriots star Tom Brady was suspended four games by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell after the "Deflategate" investigation concluded the quarterback conspired to use illegally underinflated footballs in the 2015 AFC championship game. The Pats also were docked a first-round draft pick.

Years earlier, the five-time Super Bowl champions were caught videotaping signals being sent in by Jets coaches during a 2007

game — the Patriots lost a first-round pick in the 2008 draft and coach Bill Belichick was fined \$500,000 in "Spygate."

The Red Sox hold a narrow lead over the Yankees in the AL East race with a month left in the regular season. The teams don't play again this season.

Farrell said he knew the rule.

"Electronic devices are not to be used in the dugout," he said Tuesday before Boston hosted the Toronto Blue Jays. "But beyond that, the only thing I can say it's a league matter at this point."

Dombrowski said it was the first time a team he'd worked for had been formally accused of stealing signs.

"I've been in the game

for 40 years. I've known of it for 40 years, sign stealing itself," Dombrowski said. "I've known of people that I talk to that played back in the '50's that talked to me about sign stealing, so do I think sign stealing has been taking place for a long time? I will acknowledge that."

The *Times*, according to unidentified sources, said the MLB probe started after Yankees general manager Brian Cashman filed a complaint with the commissioner's office that included video. The newspaper said the video showed a member of Boston's training staff looking at his Apple Watch in the dugout and relaying a message to players.

"I think there was



Commissioner Rob Manfred, who was at Fenway Park on Tuesday night as part of a previously planned visit, said he wanted to get the matter resolved quickly. He didn't comment about possible penalties. AP PHOTO

something that was suspected of going on," Yankees outfielder Brett Gardner said before Tuesday night's game in Baltimore.

The *Times* said the Red Sox filed a complaint Tues-

day against the Yankees, alleging the club used a camera from its YES television network to steal opponents' signs.

"No chance," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said.

## His top job at Ashburnham plant? Making sure the lights stay on

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manager of the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant, fielded calls on the cellphone that was strapped to his workpants.

Sullivan, 59, comes from family of electricians. His dad, brother and uncles all practiced the trade. He now leads a team of nine employees who run on of the commonwealth's 41 municipal light plants.

Just over 10 percent of communities in the state manage their light plants locally. Towns that own their own non-profit electrical facilities, such as Ashburnham, offer cheaper service than those using investor-owned cor-

porations like Unitil, Sullivan said.

"Customer service and local control, those are the biggest two benefits," Sullivan said. "At the end of the day, your rates are going to be lower with a municipal light plant."

Raised in Long Island, the father of three adult children started his career in the electrical field taking four years of night classes. In 1992, moved to Nashua, New Hampshire, where he earned a masters in business administration from Daniel Webster College, which recently closed.

After graduating, Sullivan got a job in working in the control room at the his-

toric Boston Edison Illuminating Company, later bought out by N-Star before its final sale to Eversource Energy.

He went on to manage operations at municipal light and gas departments in Reading and Wakefield before becoming assistant superintendent at Wellesley Municipal Light Plant.

Sullivan said he learned to keep calm in the face of massive electrical outages in the early 2000s, when about 120,000 N-Star cus-

tomers were kicked offline. The company went into damage control, and slowly brought communities back onto the grid by prioritizing those who require electricity to power medical machinery.

"You learn real fast what fatigue means," said Sullivan, who even when he's not working does all the electrical work at his home in Hudson.

Among Sullivan's goals in his new post are setting up monthly meetings with

Town Administrator Heather Budrewicz to "better understand the needs of the community."

He also hopes to take steps that could help lift a townwide moratorium on installing new solar arrays, which applies to both commercial and residential solar units. The moratorium began in 2015 when the light plant discovered local panels, including a four-megawatt array on Murray Road, were generating more elec-

tricity than residents used in off-peak months.

To solve this problem and allow more households to install solar energy system, the town has applied for a grant to partially fund what would essentially be a huge battery for storing solar energy -- a piece of equipment that could cost between \$2.5 and \$3 million, Sullivan estimates.

"It's great to lead an electric utility in support of a community," he said.

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