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## Man asleep near Boston train tracks delays hundreds of T, Amtrak passengers

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Hundreds of MBTA and Amtrak passengers were delayed during rush hour Wednesday afternoon when a man was found sleeping next to train tracks just north of Back Bay Station causing rail service to be suspended for about half an hour, according to authorities.



(Transit Police)  
Edward Leahy

When Edward Leahy, 53, of Boston, was arrested for trespassing, he “did not offer an explanation as to why he choose such a dangerous area to sleep and denied wanting to hurt himself,” Transit Police said in a statement.

After receiving a radio call at about 4 p.m. for a man lying on tracks in between Back Bay Station and South

Station, service on all southbound and northbound trains was suspended while

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Station, service on all southbound and westbound trains was suspended while police searched for him.

About 25 minutes later, Leahy was found asleep, lying next to tracks about 100 yards north of the Track 1 platform at Back Bay Station, officials said.

Transit Police said the area where Leahy was sleeping “is clearly marked with ‘No Trespassing’ and ‘Danger High Voltage’ signage.”

Leahy is expected to be arraigned in Boston Municipal Court Thursday.

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