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Real-life Grinch sentenced to jail in theft of JP boy's toys last Christmas

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A real-life Grinch was sentenced this week to 18 months in jail for his role in stealing a boy's Christmas gifts from the front porch of a Jamaica Plain home last Christmas Eve, the Suffolk district attorney's office said. Ernest Polite, 40, of Hyde Park was sentenced after being convicted by a jury Tuesday on charges of trespassing and receiving stolen property, prosecutors said Thursday. Polite was already on probation for a drug trafficking case in Maine and was convicted on drug distribution charges in Dorchester in 2006.

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55-foot fishing boat sinks off Fish Pier in Boston

Officials are unsure how or why a 55-foot fishing vessel named Miss Biddle sank off the Fish Pier in Boston Harbor early Monday morning, the US Coast Guard said. The Coast Guard received a report at 5 a.m. Monday of a sunken fishing vessel in the harbor.

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Boston judge got free aid worth \$85,000

A prominent law firm paid for Judge Raymond Dougan's defense as he successfully fought a bias complaint from the Suffolk district attorney.

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High-tech Dreamliner grounded by small fire

Smoke from a battery in the plane's underbelly filled the cabin after passengers had disembarked at Logan Airport.

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Murphy will be first in the line of succession if Mayor Thomas M. Menino, 70, leaves office before his term expires at the end of the 2013.

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Convicted marijuana dealer loses US appeal

A federal appeals court refused to overturn the decades-old conviction of a marijuana dealer who claimed FBI agents lied in his case to protect James “Whitey” Bulger.

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Judging the judge in the Whitey Bulger case

At a hearing today, Bulger’s lawyers are seeking the ouster of US District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns from the case due to a conflict of interest.

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Lantigua ally denies charge, released

Jose L. Santiago of Lawrence, a former state representative and former Methuen police officer, is accused of violating a restraining order from an ex-girlfriend.

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Driver with an 11-page record held after ninth OUI

William Doten, 65, was arrested last Thursday when police found his red pickup truck stopped in the middle of West Main Street in Avon.

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Bogus officer hits woman in Wareham

Wareham police are searching for a man who impersonated a police officer and hit a woman in the face with a flashlight after pulling her over in her car.

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Man is accused of killing his mother

A Springfield man is being held without bail after pleading not guilty to killing his mother and later stealing and crashing a taxicab.

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Espinosa named to Connecticut high court

Governor Dannel P. Malloy is nominating Appellate Court Judge Carmen Espinosa to sit on the Connecticut Supreme Court.

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Officer badly wounded in standoff in Norwich, Conn.

A reportedly suicidal man shot and critically wounded a Norwich police officer during a lengthy standoff that stretched into Monday night, police said.

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Framingham resident charged with animal abuse

A 27-year-old Framingham man was arrested and charged with animal abuse after killing his dog and disposing of it in a dumpster.

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Three arrested after shots are fired

Three suspects were placed in custody after gunfire and a chase with police in Somerville Monday night, police said.

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