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DECEMBER PRISON MURDER INDICTED

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A Norfolk County grand jury today (January 26, 2012) indicted a 50-year-old in the December murder of a fellow inmate at MCI-Norfolk, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Christopher Fletcher, who resided in Leominster before his current incarceration, was indicted for murder in the December 12, 2011 beating death of Richard Silva. Silva, DOB June 27, 1947, was coming to the end of his incarceration on sexual abuse charges. He had previously lived in Lowell.

Prosecutors anticipate a Norfolk Superior Court arraignment on the indictment in the coming weeks, but that date has not yet been set. Attorney Frances Robinson is currently representing Fletcher.

"I commend the Correction Officers, administration and investigators at the Department of Correction for their constructive partnership and hard work in this investigation, and thank the Massachusetts State Police Crime Scene Services Section and the homicide detectives attached to the Norfolk District Attorney's Office for their continued professionalism and hard work."

According to the DOC Fletcher is now being housed at Souza Baranowski Correctional Center.

Please note that indictments are only accusations, and as with all criminal charges the defendant enjoys the Constitutional presumption of innocence unless and until he is proven guilty.