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Press Release

Stoughton man arrested in September 20th Avon murder

ARRAIGNMENT AT NORFOLK SUPERIOR COURT ABOUT 2:30 P.M. TODAY

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A 23-year old Stoughton man has been indicted and arrested for the September 20, 2011 murder of 23-year-old Kristopher Rosa in Avon, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey and Avon Chief of Police Warren Phillips.

Rhandisyn Lawrence, of 36 Tanglewood Drive, Stoughton, was arrested at his residence early this afternoon (Friday, Jan. 13, 2012) by Massachusetts State Police homicide detectives attached to the Norfolk District Attorney's Office working with Stoughton and Avon Police.

"A Norfolk County Grand Jury issued a single murder indictment against this defendant earlier today," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Police have been conducting surveillance on this individual and placed him under arrest quickly after the indictment issued. He is expected to be arraigned this afternoon."

Kristopher Rosa was shot to death while operating a motor vehicle on Central Street in Avon while his girlfriend was a passenger in that car. She drove Rosa to the Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton immediately after the shooting, but Mr. Rosa was pronounced dead there. He was a father of one son and a resident of Avon.

"I would like to thank Avon Police Chief Warren Phillips and the members of the Avon Police department for their exemplary work and cooperation in this investigation, leading to today's indictment," Morrissey said. The District Attorney added that, as in all criminal cases, indictments accusations and an indicted defendant enjoys the Constitutional presumption of innocence until proven guilty.

Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.