

**Bristol County District Attorney's Office
C. Samuel Sutter
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**Press Release
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District Attorney Sam Sutter announced today that Vincent Waddlington, 44, of New Bedford, was convicted of first degree murder in connection to the December 24, 2005 killing of 19-year-old Rudolph Santos. Mr. Santos was shot once in the head and was impaled with a sword during the drug-related homicide, which occurred at 369 Hillman St., New Bedford.

Waddlington was immediately sentenced by Superior Court Judge Richard Moses to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Katie Rayburn and Maryclare Flynn.

Jurors deliberated for about seven hours, over two days, before returning their verdict. The trial lasted eight days.

"As always, in cases like this one, my first thoughts are with the family of Mr. Santos. He was just 19 years old, with his entire adult life before him, when he was struck down by a senseless act of irreparable violence. At last, his family has received some measure of justice for this tragedy," District Attorney Sutter said. "Next, I would like to thank all those members of the prosecution team that contributed to the successful verdict and in particular, Assistant District Attorneys Maryclare Flynn and Katie Rayburn. The exceptional extent of their preparation and quality of their advocacy were an indispensable part of the result of this trial."