

**Bristol County District Attorney's Office  
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**Press Release  
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Both defendants arrested last night in Fall River were ordered held without bail pending the results of a dangerousness hearing, which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23rd in the Fall River District Court.

Assistant District Attorney Robert Kidd requested a dangerousness hearing for both Charles Douglas Mendez, 28, of Fall River and Tacoma Massie, 29, of Fall River. Both defendants are charged with carrying an illegal firearm.

Fall River Police, State Troopers assigned to the Bristol County District Attorney's Office and Homicide Unit prosecutors are actively investigating the Fall River homicide of 31-year-old Edward Platts. Mr. Platts, of Middletown, RI, was shot and killed while sitting in his vehicle last night around 6:45 p.m. outside of Building 11 in the Father Diaferio Village housing complex in Fall River.

The two defendants were apprehended by state and local police shortly after the incident in the area of Kellogg and Osborn Streets. The two men were officially charged early this morning with one count each of carrying an illegal firearm.

The investigation into the homicide remains very active at this time and no further information will be released at this time. If any updates become available for release, I will send out a press release immediately.