

**Bristol County District Attorney's Office
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**Press Release
November 29, 2010**

District Attorney Sam Sutter announced that Tacoma Massie, 29, of Fall River and Charles Douglas Mendez, 28, of Fall River, were both ordered held without bail during their respective arraignments in Fall River District Court this afternoon. Both men are charged with murder, armed robbery and carrying an illegal firearm. The charges are in connection to the November 18th Fall River homicide of 31-year-old Edward Platts of Middletown, RI.

Assistant District Attorney Robert Kidd handled today's arraignments on behalf of District Attorney Sutter's office. Both men are due back in Fall River District Court for a pretrial conference on December 20th.

On the evening of November 18th, Fall River Police received a 911 call regarding shots fired outside of Building 11 in the Father Diaferio Village housing development, located at 220 Johnson St.

The homicide victim died as a result of a gun-shot wound, while sitting in his vehicle outside Building 11.

The two defendants were apprehended by state and local police shortly after the incident in the area of Kellogg and Osborn Streets.