

**Bristol County District Attorney's Office
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**Press Release
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Police are investigating an apparent murder-suicide, which occurred early this afternoon in Fall River and Westport.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that at around 12:30 p.m. today, Alfred Arruda Jr., 43, of 80 Edmund St., Fall River, shot his brother, David Arruda, and his aunt, Barbara Platt, outside of the home they all shared with the Arruda's parents at 80 Edmund St. Specific ages for both victims are unavailable at this time.

David Arruda was rushed to St. Anne's Hospital in Fall River, where he was pronounced dead. Barbara Platt was transported to Rhode Island Hospital, where she is being treated for a gunshot wound.

After allegedly shooting his brother and aunt, Alfred Arruda Jr. fled to Westport, where he apparently shot and killed himself inside his vehicle at the Watuppa Boat Club on Beaulieu Street around 1:15 p.m.

Massachusetts State Troopers assigned to the Bristol County District Attorney's Office, Fall River Police and Westport Police are all currently processing both scenes. Since the investigation remains active at this hour, no further information can be released at this time.