

**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 Fall River's lone homicide this year has been solved.

Rene Gosselin, 26, of 29 Blaine St., Fall River, was arrested around 4 p.m. today at the Fall River Police Department. Mr. Gosselin is charged with the murder of 47-year-old Frederick Thompkins. Mr. Thompkins' body was found in his third-floor apartment at 215 Whipple St. on February 15.

Mr. Gosselin will be arraigned Thursday morning at the Fall River District Court, 289 Rock Street.

District Attorney Sutter tonight praised the cooperation and tenacity displayed by the Fall River Police Department, the State Police Detectives Unit assigned to his office and Assistant District Attorney Pat Bomberg, who helped coordinate the investigation.

"As I have said every time we have brought charges in a homicide, it is through the tremendous cooperation and skill of the local police department, our state police unit and my prosecutors, that we are able to achieve our goals," Sutter said.

No further information on the case will be released until tomorrow's arraignment.

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