

**Bristol County District Attorney's Office**  
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**Press Release**  
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District Attorney Sam Sutter announced today that James Lapre, 24, of 320 Hurst St., Tiverton, has been charged with the obstruction of justice portion of the witness intimidation statute in connection to the homicide of Andrew Taylor.

Mr. Lapre will be arraigned on the charge in Fall River District Court Monday morning.

Mr. Lapre is accused of lying to and misleading police investigating the death of Mr. Taylor.

At approximately 2 p.m. on Friday, police responded to Big Wheels Towing in Freetown after receiving a call that the staff had discovered a body in the trunk of a rental car. The car, which had been reported as abandoned in Fall River, was towed to Big Wheels earlier that day. Upon inspection of the rental car, the staff discovered the body.

The victim has been identified as 25 year-old Andrew Taylor of Freetown. His body was transported to the Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy and toxicology screen.

State Troopers assigned to the Bristol County District Attorney's Office as well as the Freetown and Fall River Police Departments, are investigating this death as a homicide.

The investigation into the homicide is being coordinated by Assistant District Attorneys Garrett Fregault and Dennis Collins.

Because the investigation into Mr. Taylor's death remains ongoing and fluid, no additional details will be released at this time.