

**Bristol County District Attorney's Office
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**Press Release
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District Attorney Sam Sutter announced that Luis Alberto Montalvo Burgos, 27, of Fall River, was convicted today of first degree murder in Taunton Superior Court.

Mr. Burgos had been charged with the May 12, 2007 shooting murder of 25-year-old Jerome Woodard in an apartment at 277 County St., Fall River. Mr. Burgos was arrested in Springfield about four weeks after the homicide took place.

Mr. Burgos was convicted by a jury of his peers after a week-long trial. The jury deliberated for just under eight hours prior to delivering its verdict. Mr. Burgos was immediately sentenced by Superior Court Judge John Connor to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Aaron Strojny and Dennis Collins of District Attorney Sutter's Homicide Unit.

"As always with these cases, my first thoughts are for the victim's family. I am very pleased that they have received a measure of justice for the irreplaceable loss of their loved one," District Attorney Sutter said. "I would like to thank Dennis Collins and Aaron Strojny for their meticulous preparation and superb advocacy on behalf of the commonwealth. I would also like to thank Detective John McDonald of the Fall River Police Department, Joseph Collins of our State Police Detective Unit, and all of the prosecution team for their tenacity in solving this homicide and hard work toward obtaining this conviction.

"This case was one of the first homicides to occur after I was inaugurated, and was the first case where we charged witnesses who tried to mislead us as we were working to solve the murder with obstruction of justice. This innovative strategy has proven to be very effective in solving homicides and shootings over the past three years."