

**Bristol County District Attorney's Office  
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**Press Release  
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Bristol County District Attorney Sam Sutter announced today that three men have been indicted by a Bristol County Grand Jury in connection to the previously unsolved 2003 murder of Alberto "Tito" Gonzalez in New Bedford.

Shawn M. Hunt, 34, of New Bedford, Brockton and Boston, was indicted today on charges of First Degree Murder and Possession of an Illegal Firearm.

Jonathan Michael Pittman, 23, of New Bedford, was indicted today on charges of First Degree Murder and Possession of an Illegal Firearm.

Cory Hubbard, 30, of Brockton, was indicted today on a charge of being an Accessory to Murder after the Fact.

All three men are currently incarcerated on unrelated charges, and will be arraigned on the new indictments in New Bedford Superior Court at a later date.

Mr. Gonzalez, 20, of New Bedford, was the victim of a drive-by shooting during the evening of November 20, 2003. Mr. Gonzalez was struck by one bullet to the back of his pelvis as he was walking near the intersection of Spruce and Hillmans streets in New Bedford.

During a January 7<sup>th</sup> press conference, District Attorney Sutter and New Bedford Police Chief Ronald Teachman announced that an arrest warrant charging Shawn M. Hunt with the previously unsolved 2003 murder of Alberto "Tito" Gonzalez was filed that morning in New Bedford District Court.

District Attorney Sutter said at the press conference that the announcement of the issuance of the arrest warrant was just a first step in the process, and he vowed to bring everyone involved in this murder to justice. Today's indictments are another step in that ongoing process. The case remains an open

investigation, and therefore more specifics on the probe can not be released at this time.

Sutter's First Assistant William McCauley has spearheaded the investigation into the previously unsolved murder of Mr. Gonzalez ever since the new administration took over in January 2007. Mr. McCauley heads up the office's unsolved homicide unit and oversees all homicide investigations in Bristol County. The five year-old homicide was investigated recently by New Bedford Police Detective Andrew Simmons and Trooper Anne Marie Robinson of District Attorney Sutter's state police unit. Assistance was also given by the state crime lab and Sheriff Thomas M. Hodgson's office. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Dennis Collins, who is the newest member of Sutter's Homicide Unit.

Said District Attorney Sutter, "Even though this is only the first step on the road toward conviction, I am happy for Mr. Gonzalez's mother, Fernanda Gonzalez, and the entire Gonzalez family, that the grand jury returned these three indictments. The murder of "Tito" Gonzalez was just the type of senseless, pointless, illegal firearm murder that was taking place much too frequently until we started to crack down on gun violence through dangerousness hearings, rapid prosecution, and long jail and state prison sentences."

Said Chief Teachman, "We are grateful that District Attorney Sutter has demonstrated a strong commitment to pursuing justice in these unsolved homicide cases. First Assistant Bill McCauley is very dedicated, driven, and focused while working through these tough cases, yet remains a pleasure to work with. He shares our concern for the families of these victims and our determination to protect the public and remove these violent offenders from our streets. Our department has shown its commitment to the effort by assigning Detective Simmons to the team, as Andy is as good as they come. We are proud of the work that he and Trooper Robinson have done on this case, and look forward to their future collaboration. We remain open to any and all sources of information on this and any other unsolved case, and remind the public to call us at 508-99-CRIME, or submit a tip online at [www.newbedfordpd.com](http://www.newbedfordpd.com)"

District Attorney Sutter, who often calls unsolved homicides "an open wound for families and communities," has made solving "cold cases" a priority at the district attorney's office. Today's announcement marks the fifth time during District Attorney Sutter's first two years in office that he has announced new murder charges in previous homicide cases.

Those cases include:

--- Robert Roy was charged in October of 2007 with the March 1986 slaying of his estranged wife Marni Larkin-Roy in Dartmouth.

--- Fagbemi Miranda was charged in March of 2008 with the October 2005 shooting murder of Christopher Barros in New Bedford.

---Jermaine Holley was charged in June of 2007 with the April 2005 stabbing murder of Suzy Goulart in Fall River.

--- Derek Woollam was charged in March of 2007 with the July 2006 shooting murder of John Oliveira Jr. in Swansea.

Anyone with information on unsolved homicide case in Bristol County is urged to call 1-866-SOLVE-07.

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