

**Bristol County District Attorney's Office
C. Samuel Sutter
District Attorney**

**Press Release
July 23, 2008**

District Attorney Sam Sutter announced that 29-year-old Wayne Miranda was convicted today of second degree murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and illegal possession of a firearm.

Mr. Miranda was convicted for the murder of Christopher A. Barros, 25, who was shot dead on Oct. 10, 2005, in the rear yard of 444 Purchase St. in New Bedford.

Mr. Miranda was sentenced to life in prison on the murder charge by Superior Court Judge E. Susan Garsh. He was also ordered to serve an additional 3 to 5 years in state prison for the illegal firearm charge if he is ever granted parole. Miranda was also placed on 10 years probation from and after the murder and illegal firearm charge. The conditions of his probation include having no contact with any member of Mr. Barros' family, the three eyewitnesses to the shooting or Assistant District Attorney Raymond Veary, who prosecuted the case for Sutter's office.

District Attorney Sutter had the following statement regarding today's conviction:

"I have many thank yous to extend. First to Assistant District Attorney Raymond Veary, for applying all of his talent, experience, hard work and determination in bringing this case to justice. I would also like to thank the New Bedford Police Department and my State Police Unit for all of their efforts in working with Mr. Veary and the team from my office to obtain this conviction. And finally, I would like to thank the civilian witnesses. I concur with Mr. Veary's remarks about the witnesses doing the right thing in stepping forward and testifying about what they saw. They have set an example that I hope will resonate throughout the city and the county. If you are a witness to a crime, you need to step forward and testify, so that those of us at the District Attorney's office and in law enforcement can solve more crimes, win criminal cases and reduce crime in your community."

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