

Arrest Made in Connection to August 2nd Homicide



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District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn and New Bedford Police Chief David Provencher tonight announced an arrest connected to the August 2nd homicide of 24-year-old Jeffrey Sylvia Jr. State Police Detectives assigned to this office and New Bedford Police detectives, last night, arrested Darian Cardoza, 17, of 191 County Street.

Mr. Cardoza is being charged with murder, armed robbery and illegal possession of a firearm. He was arrested tonight at his home in New Bedford and will be arraigned in New Bedford District Court tomorrow (Friday) morning.

The city's Shot Spotter gun shot detection system notified police of shots fired near the intersection of Acushnet Avenue and Blackmer Street around 1:37 a.m. on Sunday, August 2nd. When first responders arrived in the area minutes later, they

found the victim lying deceased in the street at the intersection.

The victim, Jeffrey Sylvia Jr., 24, of New Bedford, was declared deceased at the scene.

The investigation is being coordinated by Assistant District Attorney MaryClare Flynn, who will also handle tomorrow's arraignment.

No further information regarding the facts of the case can be disclosed prior to the defendant's arraignment in open court.
