

Fugitive wanted for New Bedford murder turns himself in at Fall River Superior Court

36-year-old Alexis Silva, who has been wanted for the past four months for the November 11, 2018 shooting homicide of Reynaldo Pena in New Bedford, turned himself in to authorities this morning at Fall River Superior Court, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.



36-year-old Alexis Silva

After turning himself in, the defendant was immediately arraigned on a multi-count indictment charging him with murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon by discharge of a firearm, carrying an illegal firearm, carrying a loaded illegal firearm and possession with intent to distribute cocaine. Judge Raffi Yessayan ordered the defendant held without bail.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robert Digiantomaso.

New Bedford Police responded to the 800 block of Shawmut

Avenue around 2:19 a.m. on November 11 after receiving 911 call for shots fired in the area. Upon arrival, first responders located 23-year-old Reynaldo Pena lying in the street, suffering from gunshot wounds. Mr. Pena, a New Bedford resident, was rushed to St. Luke's Hospital and Transferred to Rhode Island Hospital before dying sometime around 3:40 a.m.

This defendant was featured prominently during a February press conference held to announce the creation of a new Bristol County Most Wanted Fugitives List, which can be found at www.facebook.com/bristoldafugitives.

"I am very pleased that the defendant surrendered himself today. This eliminates the need to expend additional resources to locate him and also prevents the possibility of additional violence occurring if this defendant continued to evade apprehension. The defendant was listed at the top of the Most Wanted Fugitives list. I would be very surprised if our fugitive initiative was not a factor in this defendant turning himself in," District Attorney Quinn said.

