

MetroPCS homicide victim identified as Dartmouth man

New Bedford Police, Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to this office and Homicide Unit prosecutors are currently investigating a homicide, which occurred this afternoon in the City of New Bedford.

Police received a 911 call regarding a shooting at the MetroPCS cellular phone store at 209 Coggeshall Street around 12:30 p.m. today. Upon arrival, police and rescue personnel located a male shooting victim in the area near the parking lot outside the store. The victim, Javon Brown, 36, of Dartmouth, was rushed to St. Luke's Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 1:12 p.m. today.

The investigation is being coordinated by Assistant District Attorney Katie Rayburn.

Anyone who was in the area of Coggeshall Street and Belleville Avenue between noon and 1 p.m. today and may have seen anything connected to this incident is urged to contact New Bedford Police's Detectives Division at 508-991-6300. If individuals wish to remain anonymous, they can call New Bedford Police's anonymous tip line at 508-961-4584, or utilize the district attorney's anonymous text-a-tip program by either logging on to tipsubmit.com or by texting the phrase "CALL50" to the phone number 274637 (which spells CRIMES).