

New Bedford Man Charged as Accessory to Murder In Connection to New Year's Eve Homicide

A 24-year-old New Bedford man was arrested this evening in connection to the ongoing investigation into the December 31 homicide of Aaron Gant Jr. in New Bedford.

Angel Acevedo is being charged with accessory to murder-after the fact. He was arrested at the New Bedford Police Department earlier this evening. Mr. Acevedo will be formally arraigned on the charge tomorrow morning in New Bedford District Court. The arraignment will be handled by Deputy Chief of District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn's Homicide Unit, Katie Rayburn, who has been coordinating the investigation into the homicide.

State Police Detectives assigned to the district attorney's office and New Bedford Police are continuing to actively investigate the homicide, and no further information regarding the status of the probe can be released at this time.

Mr. Acevedo is the fifth individual to be charged in connection to this case. Chad Santos, 25; Kathleen Rivera, 24; Aaron Bookman, 22, and Lorena Rivera, 21, all of New Bedford, were each charged with the obstruction of justice portion of the state's witness intimidation statute earlier this month.