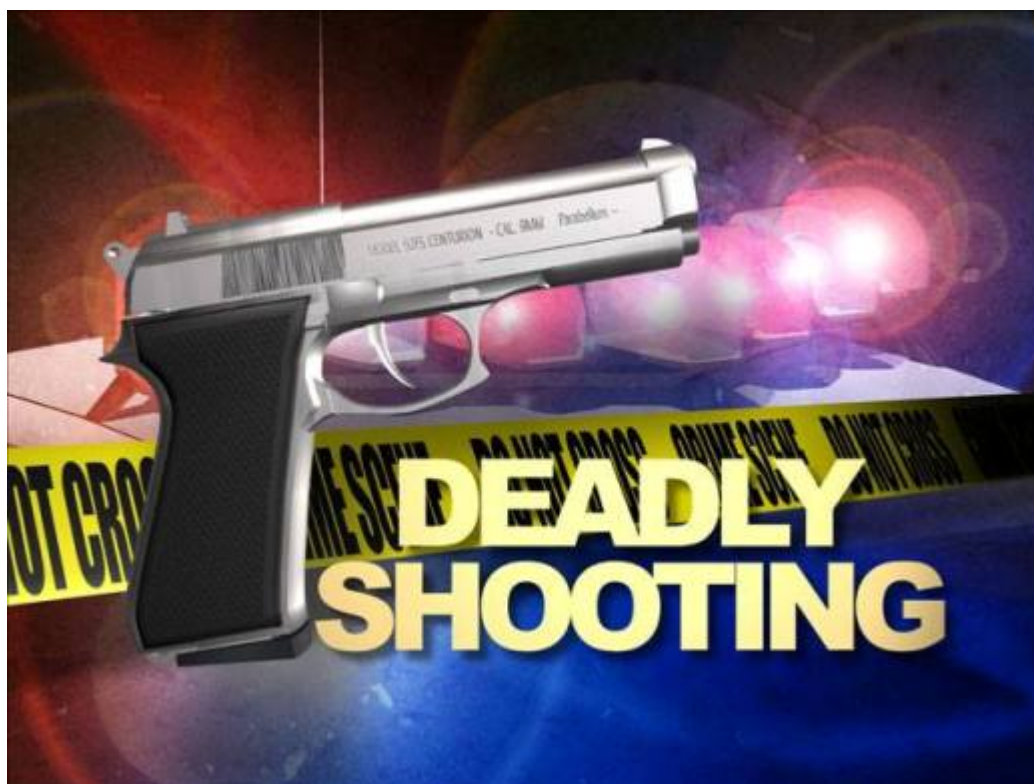


Third Arrest Made in Weekend New Bedford Homicide



District Attorney Sam Sutter and New Bedford Police Chief David Provencher announced tonight that a 25-year-old New Bedford man has been arrested and charged with the weekend slaying of 31-year-old Sharone Stafford.

Police tonight apprehended Hailton DaCosta, 25, of 85 Mosher Street. Mr. DaCosta was arrested without incident at a location on Water Street in New Bedford. Mr. DaCosta is charged with murder, armed robbery and illegal possession of a firearm. He will be arraigned in New Bedford District Court Wednesday morning.

Two other men arrested by police during the overnight hours Monday morning in connection to the weekend homicide were arraigned Monday afternoon.

Elito Mendes, 21, of 211 County Street, who is charged with accessory to murder after the fact, carrying an illegal

firearm, armed robbery, and the obstruction of justice portion of the witness intimidation statute, was ordered held on \$150,000 cash bail. He is due back in court December 20th for a probable cause hearing.

Samir Baptista, 27, of 115 Norwell Street, who is charged with accessory to murder before the fact, was ordered held without bail during his arraignment and is due back in court December 12th for a pretrial hearing.

Due to the ongoing nature of the homicide investigation, Judge Bernadette Sabra ordered all documents associated with the case impounded. By virtue of that order, our office will not be able to comment any further on the facts of the case at this time.

Police received calls reporting gunshots in the area of Winsor and Crapo streets around 11:45 Saturday night. Upon arrival at the scene, police and rescue personnel located a male victim lying in the street on Winsor Street, near where it intersects with Crapo Street. The male victim was later identified as Sharone Stafford, 31, of New Bedford.

Mr. Stafford was rushed to St. Luke's Hospital, where he was pronounced dead shortly after midnight on Sunday morning.

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