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Press Release

Rhode Island man held without bail in Avon murder

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A 27-year old Lincoln, Rhode Island man pled not guilty in Norfolk Superior Court today (Aug. 8, 2013) to his indictment for the murder of 23-year old Kristopher Rosa in Avon on Sept. 19, 2011, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Willie Wilkerson pled not guilty in Norfolk Superior Court and was ordered held without bail. He is due back Sept. 21, 2013 for pre-trial conference.

Wilkerson was arrested in the morning of Sunday, July 21, 2013 at his residence by Massachusetts State Police homicide detectives attached to the Norfolk District Attorney's Office working in concert with Avon Police Department and Rhode Island State Police.

Wilkerson had previously been charged with procuring perjury in connection with this murder investigation which began after the September 19, 2011 shooting. The investigation led to the issuance of the murder warrant against Wilkerson. Another individual, Rhandisyn Lawrence, already faces murder charges for his involvement in the shooting. "It is a credit to the State Police Detectives and the Avon Police that they have continued to push this case and develop enough evidence to support a murder indictment against a second suspect," District Attorney Morrissey said.

On September 19, 2011, Kristopher Rosa was shot to death while operating a motor vehicle on Central Street in Avon while his girlfriend was a passenger in that car. She immediately drove Mr. Rosa to the Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton where he succumbed to his injuries. Mr. Rosa was a father of one son and a resident of Avon. The Norfolk District Attorney's Office is grateful to the Rhode Island State Police for their assistance in capturing and arresting Wilkerson.

As with all criminal cases, an indictment is merely an accusation. Defendants, including Wilkerson and Lawrence, benefit from the Constitutional presumption of their innocence until they have been proven guilty, DA Morrissey said.