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**TWO MEN HELD WITHOUT BAIL AFTER BEING CHARGED IN  
CONNECTION WITH 2021 BROCKTON MURDER**

**BROCKTON** – Two men have been held without bail after their arraignment on charges in connection with the 2021 murder of a Brockton man, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

On September 9, 2021, at approximately 4:16 p.m., Brockton Police responded to the area of 77 Highland Terrace for a report of multiple shots fired. Upon arrival, police and emergency medical personnel located a male victim suffering from several gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital before he was transferred to Boston Medical Center. He was pronounced deceased the following day, and was identified as Jauwon Ambers, 20.

Brockton Police contacted the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and an investigation commenced. As a result of the lengthy investigation, investigators developed information that identified two suspects in the murder of Ambers.

Massachusetts State Police and Brockton Police sought and obtained arrest warrants for Leonardo Monteiro, 22, and Ivanilson Brandao, 23. Both were taken into custody on Saturday, Monteiro in Brockton, and Brandao in Stoughton.

Today in Brockton District Court, Monteiro pleaded not guilty to one count each of First Degree Murder, Possession with Intent to Distribute a Class B Substance, and Carrying a Dangerous Weapon. Brandao pleaded not guilty to one count of First Degree Murder. The pair were held without bail, and are next scheduled to appear in court on November 14. The investigation remains active and ongoing.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Joseph Janezic, and was investigated by Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and Brockton Police.