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BROCKTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ROLE IN 2020 MURDER

BROCKTON – The co-defendant in a 2020 Brockton homicide has pleaded guilty to his role in the murder, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

On April 7th, in Brockton Superior Court, Takari Elliot, 31, pleaded guilty to one count each of Manslaughter and Attempted Assault and Battery by Discharge of a Firearm. Judge William Sullivan sentenced Elliot to serve 3-5 years in state prison, to be followed by two years probation.

On October 13, 2020, Manuel Duarte, 25, was shot and killed in Brockton. Brockton Police contacted Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, and an investigation commenced. As a result, investigators obtained arrest warrants charging Elliot and Veiga with the homicide. Elliot was located by police and placed under arrest, but Veiga was not.

Since their indictment in March, 2021, Massachusetts State Police and Brockton Police issued multiple bulletins seeking the capture of Veiga. In April, 2021, Veiga was shot and killed by a Metro Nashville, Tennessee Police Department officer after Veiga advanced on the officer brandishing a large butcher knife in each of his hands. Metro Nashville Police released video footage of the incident from the officer's body worn camera.

The case against Elliot was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nicole Manoog, and was investigated by Massachusetts State Police and Brockton Police.