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PAIR INDICTED ON CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL BROCKTON SHOOTING

BROCKTON – Two people have been indicted on charges in a fatal shooting in Brockton last month, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Yesterday, indictment returns were made charging Brendan Fernandes, 33, of Brockton, and Destiny A. Fontes Silie, 25, of Warwick, Rhode Island in connection with the shooting death of Brima Koroma, 24, of Boston.

At approximately 4:44 p.m. on March 15, Brockton Police received multiple 911 calls reporting a shooting in the vicinity of 401 East Street. Upon arrival, first responders located a male victim suffering from a single gunshot wound to the chest. The victim, later identified as Koroma, was transported to Brockton Hospital where he died as a result of his injuries.

Brockton Police contacted the Massachusetts State Police Unit assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and an investigation commenced. As a result of the investigation, detectives sought and obtained an arrest warrant for Fernandes and Silie. The pair were last seen driving away from the shooting scene together in a blue sedan.

On March 16, Virginia State Police stopped the blue sedan in Chesterfield, Va., and Fernandes and Silie were located and placed under arrest.

Yesterday's indictments charge Fernandes with one count each of Murder, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, and Unlawful Possession of Ammunition. Silie was indicted on a charge of Accessory After the Fact of Murder.

The pair are going through the rendition process in Virginia and have a status date there on April 14, before they will be returned to Brockton where they will be arraigned on the charges.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Jeremy Beth Kusmin and Samantha Mullin, and was investigated by Massachusetts State Police and Brockton Police.