

Providence Incident Report

Summary

Print Date/Time: 01/22/2026 11:13
Login ID: kdosreis
Case Number: 2025-00099181

Providence Police Department
ORI Number: RI0040900

Case

Case Number: 2025-00099181
Location: 184 HOPE ST
 Providence, RI 02906
Reporting Officer ID: 14052 - Majeau

Incident Type: Homicide
Occurred From: 12/13/2025 16:00
Occurred Thru: 12/13/2025 16:00
Disposition:
Disposition Date:
Reported Date: 12/13/2025 16:06 Saturday

Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
1	State	09A	11-23-1/1D	MURDER-1ST DEGREE	2
2	State	13A	11-5-2	FELONY ASSAULT/ DANG. WEAPON OR SUBSTANCE	9
3	State	520	11-47-3.2-A	USE OF A FA WHILE COMMITTING A CRIME OF VIOLENCE	1
4	State	520	11-47.1-3	Large capacity feeding devices prohibited	1

Subjects

[illegible]

Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
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Property

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Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
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Vehicles

No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
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Detective Majeau supplement

On December 13, 2025, at approximately 1606, Providence Police responded to the area of 184 Hope Street, the Barus & Holley building on the Brown University campus, for calls of an active shooter. Upon arrival, police found multiple gunshot victims. A large law enforcement deployment began to secure the building and search the area for suspects and further victims. I, Detective Majeau, was called in off-duty along with numerous members of the investigative division to investigate. Numerous outside agencies, including the Rhode Island State Police, FBI, ATF, and HSI, and IRS, would also respond that day and in the following days, providing manpower and resources to assist the investigation.

Fire rescues responded and began to treat and transport wounded victims located in the area of Room #166, the Tanner Auditorium ("Tanner Auditorium"). This auditorium has staircases running up both sides with entrances at the top and bottom. There were eleven (11) victims in total. Two victims, identified as Mukhammad Aziz Umurzokov (█/2007) and Ella Cook (█/2006) were pronounced deceased on scene. Umurzokov was found deceased near the upper entry door of the auditorium and Cook was found deceased on the floor between the aisle █.

The nine other victims were transported to Rhode Island Hospital. They were identified as █ (2006), █ (2007), █ (2007), █ (2006), █ (2006), █ (2006), █ (2006), █ (2006), and █ (2006). Providence detectives interviewed █

█ as intubated or otherwise unavailable to speak. Numerous other Brown students and staff have also given statements. These interviews have been uploaded and categorized in Axon. Tanner auditorium was used for an exam review session for a Principles of Economics course at the time of the shooting, scheduled for 1400-1600 that day. The details for the final reviews were emailed to students by the course professor with five review sessions scheduled. Students reported being in the auditorium when they suddenly heard gunfire coming from the rear/top of the auditorium. Some students reported running to the teacher's desk at the front of the auditorium where they hid to conceal themselves until police arrived on scene. A description of a suspect was formed from the interviews of a medium build male subject, wearing face covering or mask that covered his lower face. Students reported hearing multiple gunshots and police would discover numerous 9-millimeter shell casings in the hallway and steps leading down to the bottom of the auditorium. Multiple witnesses described the shooter entering from the back/top of the auditorium and walking down as he fired across and towards the front of the room. Some witnesses reported seeing a green laser on the gun wielded by the shooter.

Providence BCI detectives and FBI investigators processed the crime scene. Investigators recovered ballistics evidence: forty-four (44) spent 9-millimeter shell casings, one unfired cartridge casing, and numerous projectiles and projectile fragments. The ammunition was both hollow point and frangible. The headstamps of these shell casings indicate manufacturers, SIG, NORMA, and Truelove Maclean (T&M). Fifteen (15) spent shell casings were located in the hallway and twenty-nine (29) spent casings were found in Tanner Auditorium/room 166. Within the auditorium, police also found two high capacity magazines, with capacities of around thirty (30).

Evidence was later submitted to the State of Connecticut, Division of Scientific Services in Meriden, Connecticut. DNA profiles were developed from the submission of various pieces ballistic evidence from the crime scene. Specifically, a prominent major full DNA/STR profile from the fired cartridge casings was obtained and was entered into CODIS and returned as having no matches. This profile was of sufficient quality for comparison. █

Law enforcement teams conducted surveillance video canvass of all surrounding areas. From the collective surveillance, a suspect was identified that appears across video sources. A systematic review of those video sources revealed that the suspect was circling the immediate area earlier in the day, at approximately 1035 hours in the Manning and Cooke Street area. There are several instances where this suspect is captured on video surveillance from █ Cooke Street, including at 1037, 1056, 1400, 1452. A more complete video timeline detailing the results of the video canvass was created.

The suspect appeared as a heavy-set male, wearing a face mask covering his lower face, a two-toned dark jacket, a winter hat, black pants, and black sneakers. At times, he appears with a black satchel across his body and on other videos the black satchel is not visible. He walked with a distinct walking gait and his right hand appeared to be in his jacket pocket in several video clips. He was then observed circling that same area at 1400 hours on Cooke Street, Manning Street, and later George Street, walking in the direction of Governor Street. At 1416 the suspect is seen on George Street, encountering another individual, initially unknown, but later identified as John (hereafter "John"). The suspect ran away from John. John then ran after the suspect in the same direction. Immediately after that interaction, the suspect and John are seen in close proximity. At approximately 1515, the suspect is observed on Governor Street, George Street, Cooke Street, and Benevolent Street. It should be noted that this residential neighborhood is within one to three blocks from the Barus & Holley building.

The suspect was observed on video surveillance walking from Manning Street to Hope Street, then observed on a Brown University

exterior camera crossing Hope Street into the parking lot abutting 184 Hope Street where the Barus & Holley building is located. This was observed to be at 1456, before the shooting. It should be noted that the Barus & Holley building is equipped with only two exterior cameras but has multiple entrances/exits and areas of ingress and egress. Interior cameras do not cover Room 166 and the hallways immediately surrounding it. However, one of the video sources was obtained from a camera recording on a Brown University shuttle bus driving nearby immediately after the shooting through a parking lot abutting 184 Hope Street and captured the suspect walking away from the area of the Barus & Holley building. This was observed to be at 1603, immediately after the shooting. The suspect is then captured on video surveillance at the corner of Hope Street and Waterman Street, continuing down Waterman and eventually onto Pittman Street.

A height analysis was performed by FBI investigators. They used two still images from a ring camera video at [REDACTED] Manning Street. These still images showed the suspect in full erect stature. They compared this suspect with the height of fixed landmarks like a fence gate, calculating to account for distance. This height analysis showed the suspect's height range between 5'7 and 5'9.

Based on training and experience, and the training and experience of numerous members of the investigative team, after an analysis of all accumulated video surveillance of the suspect on December 13, 2025, both before and after the shooting, there is a common gait and body movements of the suspect. This includes a distinctive walk with foot movements.

Several video clips and still images of the suspect were released to the media with requests for assistance in identifying the individual. To coordinate the information coming in, a tip line command center was established on December 15, 2025 with contact numbers and email for the public to reach out to. Additionally, on December 15, detectives interviewed shooting victims [REDACTED] who were in the interior of the Tanner auditorium/room 166 of Barus & Holley and sustained gunshot wounds. Victims observed the shooter enter the auditorium from the top/rear. Detectives responded to Rhode Island Hospital to present [REDACTED] with still images of the suspect from video surveillance of 105 Benevolent Street, on December 13, 2025 at approximately 1418.

[REDACTED] said she got a good look at the suspect. When provided with a photo of the suspect, [REDACTED] quickly froze, physically pushed back, and became emotional. She was observed to be tearing up and shaking. She then confirmed that the image showed the shooter. Detectives then spoke with [REDACTED] who indicated that he was in close proximity to the shooter when he was shot. Detectives presented [REDACTED] with the same still image as [REDACTED] and a second close-up image of the suspect from the same camera source. Upon observing these two photos, [REDACTED] took a deep breath, shut his eyes, changed his breathing pattern, and confirmed that the shooter he saw in the hallway appeared to be the person in the photos presented. Detectives met with [REDACTED] and presented him with the image of the suspect. [REDACTED] also identified that the suspect in the images was the shooter.

Investigators began to receive and investigate a large number of tips being communicated. These tips were documented and organized through a Virtual Command Center (VCC) managed by FBI personnel. These tips were assigned to investigative teams for follow-up, and the results and information gathered regarding each tip was reported back and documented. On December 16, 2025, the tip command center received information from an anonymous source referencing a Reddit post from the Providence sub-Reddit made by the username [REDACTED]. The then-anonymous tipster stated the Reddit poster said they saw the suspected shooter walking in the area. Investigators obtained a copy of the Reddit post. It reads:

"I'm being dead serious. The police need to look into a grey Nissan with Florida plates, possibly a rental. That was the car he was driving. It was parked in front of the little shack behind the Rhode Island Historical Society on the Cooke St side. I know because he used his key fob to open the car, approached it and then something prompted him to back away. When he backed away he relocked the car. I found that odd so when he circled the block I approached the car that is when I saw the Florida plates. He was parked in the section between the gate of the RIHS and the corner of Cooke and George St."

The information disseminated to the public at the time of that Reddit post did not include the full video from the RI Historical Society, located at [REDACTED] Benevolent Street in Providence. Any released videos up until that point did not include a grey Nissan or a vehicle with a Florida plate. Based on the tip, investigators reviewed the surveillance videos further and located a grey/blue Nissan sedan. It appeared consistent with the make and model of a Nissan Sentra sedan.

The information provided by the Reddit poster was consistent with and corroborated the earlier Described video extracted from the area of [REDACTED] Benevolent Street and George Street and the encounter between the suspect and John. Large trees lined the fenced property of [REDACTED] Benevolent in that area which obscured the view of a Nissan being parked there from camera angles.

On December 17, 2025, Providence Police released still images of the then-unknown person (later identified as John) interacting with the suspect at approximately 1416 on December 13, in the area of [REDACTED] Benevolent Street.

On the evening of December 17, a male subject approached Providence Police officers at [REDACTED] Meeting Street where the Brown University Alumni Hall building is located. The male subject identified himself as John and as the original Reddit poster. John's full identity is known to the Providence Police Department. John indicated that he wished to speak with Providence Police about his interactions with the individual that Providence Police had publicly identified as a "person of interest."

John voluntarily accompanied police officers to the station where he agreed to a recorded interview with me and Rhode Island State

Police Detectives Palmer and Mills. The interview took place in the Providence Detective Bureau interview room. At the outset of his recorded interview, detectives reminded John that he was free to leave at any time and that he was there voluntarily. John expressed that he would provide all the information he had on the individual. John recounted that he first encountered the suspect (the same person of interest released to the public through multiple images and videos), inside a bathroom on the ground floor of the Barus & Holley building immediately to the right of an entrance of the building on December 13, 2025 at approximately 1345-1400. John described the suspect's clothing as inappropriate and inadequate for the weather. Specifically, he described the jacket and gloves as flimsy. He described the clothing, including the jacket as baggy, with at least two undergarment shirt layers (one of which had a brand style logo in the bottom right corner; he stated the logo was a name brand, possibly L.L. Bean). He described the pants and shoes as kitchen/restaurant worker style, of poor quality or would be associated with Walmart (John cast no judgment as to the quality). John described large a facemask covering the entire lower part of the suspect's face. He believed that the suspect was wearing glasses. John described the Suspect's skin as "weathered" and a "cinnamon color complexion." He believed that the suspect's eyes were brown and his face appeared to be chubby. From the interview, there were several instances where John made eye contact with the suspect or stood in close proximity to him. The initial encounter involved John locking eyes with the suspect. After this initial encounter, John observed the suspect exit the building into the parking lot. John remained at the entrance until he observed the suspect go up Manning Street and then followed him.

John then described an encounter with the suspect near the RI Historical Society. He watched the suspect approach a grey or silver sedan bearing a Florida registration plate. John assumed the suspect had a key fob because the lights of the Nissan lit up as the suspect approached, as if the vehicle was being unlocked by a key fob. The suspect suddenly turned around from the vehicle and walked in the opposite direction, taking a left at the nearby intersection. John stated that the suspect "looked at [him] like he knew [him.]" John approached the sedan and observed two fanny pack style bags on the rear floorboard on the passenger side. John remained on that block and observed the suspect looping back to the area, then switching directions every time they saw each other. John described this pattern as "a game of cat and mouse" between himself and the suspect.

At some point, they encountered each other on George Street, at which time, the suspect ran in the opposite direction. John then ran up behind the person of interest, slowed to a speed-walk and walked past the Suspect. John then turned to face the suspect. John estimates that they were standing approximately two feet away from each other. John asked the suspect, "Your car is back there, why are you circling the block?" The suspect responded, "I don't know you from nobody," then the suspect repeatedly asked, "Why are you harassing me?" During this exchange, John detected a cadence or accent to the suspect's voice that he believed to be Hispanic. John saw the suspect approach his car one more time, but then John continued onto Waterman Street and did not have any subsequent encounters with the suspect.

John informed detectives that he recognized one of the images released to the press as the person he encountered that day, which prompted him to post on Reddit. Detectives showed John two Flock images previously obtained of the suspect's vehicle. When viewing the images, he said, "Holy shit. That might be it." When presented with a still of the video surveillance obtained from Alamo Rent A Car (described below) of the male renting the suspect vehicle that was a close-up of the clothing, John could not say for certain that it was the same logo that he saw on the person of interest, but it was in the same location. John did indicate that "the stomach makes [him] think that it's [him.]" He did not recognize the bright blue shirt featured in that Alamo video.

[REDACTED] I observed Reddit messages sent to him from Providence investigators who had tried to contact him upon receiving the tip and they had not been replied to.

Following the interview at central station, John agreed accompany investigators to 184 Hope Street to conduct a walkthrough of his encounter with the suspect in the building and surrounding neighborhood. I utilized my body worn camera to record the walkthrough in two separate clips, one detailing the events inside Barus & Holley and the second one describing their encounter outside in the Manning/Cooke/George Street area. John was able to give detailed information and point out locations more specifically which corroborated his interview and video surveillance.

After completing our interview, John was provided with an opportunity to have shelter and was transported to a private location and provided with plainclothes security. [REDACTED]

On the morning of December 17, 2025, a Brown University faculty member reached out to Rhode Island State Police regarding a suspicious vehicle in the same general neighborhood on Thursday December 11, 2025, at approximately 0915. The faculty member stated that when she was driving east on Waterman Street that morning, she came up behind a grey sedan with a Florida registration plate that was moving unusually slow down Waterman in the direction of Thayer Street. She recalled that the grey sedan with the Florida registration plate was moving so slowly that it almost came to a complete stop.

A search of Flock cameras in the area populated approximately fourteen (14) different times that a Nissan Sentra bearing Florida registration 62DQEV hit on Flock, the first of which was on December 1, 2015 at 1759 at the Camp Street and Doyle Avenue intersection on the East Side of Providence. There had been no Flock hits for a front plate for that registration.

A Flock camera hit at North Main Street at Randall in Providence on December 13, 2025 at 0826 shows the grey Nissan Sentra with

partial Florida registration of "62D" and the start of what appears to be a "Q."

This vehicle was rented at Alamo Rent A Car at 270 Atlantic Avenue in downtown Boston on December 1, 2025 at 1136. According to Alamo Rent A Car records, the vehicle in question was a Nissan Sentra bearing Florida Registration #62DQEV with only a rear plate affixed to the vehicle. The renter of this vehicle through Alamo Rental in Boston was Claudio Manuel Neves Valente (1/22/1977) who provided a Florida driver's license, listing his height as 5'09". On December 17, 2025 ATF Special Agents responded to the Alamo Rent A Car at 270 Atlantic Avenue, to request video surveillance. Alamo videos were later obtained for several dates, involving Claudio Manuel Neves Valente.

Brown University provided information on Claudio Manuel Neves Valente (1/22/1977). Valente was a former student with no current active affiliation. He was not currently employed by the University. He was enrolled in the Fall of 2000 through the spring 2001 semester. He was in a PhD program for physics. At that time, he had an address of [REDACTED] Governor Street, in the City of Providence. After the Spring of 2001, he went on a leave of absence. He officially withdrew from Brown in the Fall of 2003. I learned of Valente's immigration history: On August 23, 2000, Valente was admitted as a F-1 student to attend Brown University, and was admitted at Logan International Airport Boston, Massachusetts and issued [REDACTED]. Valente arrived that day on board British Air flight 215 and departed the United States on 12/22/2000. Valente traveled back into the United States on January 25, 2001, under the name Claudio VALENTE (born 1/22/77). On May 10, 2017, Valente was issued a diversity immigrant visa (DV/IV). On September 14, 2017, Valente was lawfully admitted as a Legal Permanent Resident (new immigrant), at JFK International Airport, New York, NY. On Valente's DV/IV visa from 2017, it lists Brown University as the name of his institution, and the Barus & Holley Building as the address of the institution, lists "None-Dropout" as degree or diploma, and dates of attendance from September 1, 2000 to May 1, 2001.

Upon review of surveillance video taken from Alamo Rent a Car on December 1, 2025, it was noted that the Claudio Valente is wearing a bright blue shirt that appears consistent with the blue undergarment visible beneath the Suspect's outer jacket, as captured in numerous surveillance videos from December 13, 2025. Specifically, the logo in the lower right is consistent in both instances. Additionally, on December 1 at Alamo, Valente is seen with his hands clasped behind his back, in the same or similar manner as the suspect on camera at 110 Benevolent on December 13 at the Historical Society.

Further, law enforcement obtained video of Claudio Valente at Alamo on November 17, 2025. In that critical video, Valente is seen wearing the exact same outfit as the suspect on December 13. Specifically, Claudio Valente is wearing a two-tone lighter jacket with the exact same color combination and design as the suspect. He is wearing the same or similar black shoes with dark soles, black pants, and undergarment poking out from below his outer jacket, and glasses.

Also, on December 17, 2025, investigators noted that the suspect vehicle currently rented to Neves-Valente, the Nissan Sentra bearing FL registration was [REDACTED], was due to be returned the next day at approximately 1100 on December 18, 2025 to the original rental site of 270 Atlantic Avenue, Boston. Investigators, including myself, Detective Captain O'Brien, Detective Lieutenant Sical, and Detective Sepe, responded to 270 Atlantic Avenue and began to conduct surveillance of the location with a plan to detain Neves-Valente and execute a federal search warrant of his person to obtain his DNA/buccal sample for comparison to the DNA found on the ballistic evidence at the scene. Investigators would also set up surveillance at Alamo drop-off locations at Logan Airport, Bradley Airport, and TF Green airport in case Neves-Valente decided to change his drop-off location.

Investigators continued their investigation and learned new information about Neves-Valente's background. Days prior on December 15, 2025, MIT Professor Nuno F.G. Loureiro had been shot and killed in Brookline, MA. [REDACTED] The two investigations began to dovetail together when after it was discovered that Neves-Valente and Loureiro were actually classmates for five years at the Instituto Superior Técnico in Portugal between 1995 and 2000.

It was also learned investigators in Massachusetts had discovered a Nissan Sentra bearing Maine registration [REDACTED] had hit on one of their Flock cameras approximately 16 minutes after their shooting. A Massachusetts Fusion Center BOLO was sent out with information about a person of interest and their attempt to locate the vehicle. The person of interest was described as a male subject, approximately 6' wearing dark clothing with a high-visibility vest. the investigation continued into whether it was the same vehicle with the registration plates being swapped out. This plate had never hit on any Flock cameras in the Providence area.

Also, on December 18, 2025, based upon the above facts and circumstances of the investigation, an arrest warrant affidavit was drafted for Claudio Manuel Neves Valente. The warrant was reviewed and granted by the Honorable Judge Isherwood for the following crimes:

1. RJGL 11-23-1 First Degree Murder
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3. RJGL 11-47-3.2(6) (4) Discharge of a firearm resulting in death
4. RJGL 11-47-3.2(b)(4) Discharge of a firearm resulting in death
5. RJGL 11 -5-2(a) Felony assault with a deadly weapon/firearm
6. RJGL 11-47-3.2(b)(2) Discharge of a firearm resulting in injury
7. RJGL 11-5-2(a) Felony assault with a deadly weapon/firearm
8. RJGL 11-47-3.2(b)(2) Discharge of a firearm resulting in injury
9. RJGL 11-5-2(a) Felony assault with a deadly weapon/firearm

10. RJGL 11 -4 7-3 .2(b)(2) Discharge of a firearm resulting in injury
11. RJGL 11-5-2(a) Felony assault with a deadly weapon/firearm
12. RJGL 11-47-3.2(b)(2) Discharge of a firearm resulting in injury
13. RJGL 11 -5-2(a) Felony assault with a deadly weapon/firearm
14. RJGL 11-47-3.2(b)(2) Discharge of a firearm resulting in injury
15. RJGL 11-5-2(a) Felony assault with a deadly weapon/firearm
16. RJGL 11-47-3.2(b)(2) Discharge of a firearm resulting in injury
17. RJGL 11-5-2(a) Felony assault with a deadly weapon/firearm
18. RJGL 11-47-3.2(b)(2) Discharge of a firearm resulting in injury
19. RJGL 11-5-2(a) Felony assault with a deadly weapon/firearm
20. RJGL 11-47-3.2(b)(2) Discharge of a firearm resulting in injury
21. RJGL 11-5-2(a) Felony assault with a deadly weapon/firearm
22. RJGL 11-47-3.2(6)(2) Discharge of a firearm resulting in injury
23. RJGL 11-47-8(a) License or permit required to carry a pistol/revolver without a license
24. RJGL 11 -47.1-3 Large capacity feeding device
25. RJGL 11-47.1-3 Large capacity feeding device

As the surveillance of Alamo locations continued, the drop-off time passed and investigators continued their efforts to locate Neves-Valente.

Investigators developed information that Neves-Valente had recently used a credit card to make a \$95 payment to an "Extra Space Storage" facility located at 10 Hampshire Road in Salem, New Hampshire. At approximately 1700, The Nissan Sentra Alamo rental was found parked unoccupied outside the building and law enforcement responded to that area. Investigators including myself, Detective Captain O'Brien, Detective Lieutenant Sical, BCI Lieutenant Papa, BCI Sergeant Green, Detective Sepe, Detective Fadale, and BCI Detectives T. and K. Richard all responded to that location.

The building and Nissan Sentra were secured and cleared by on scene FBI SWAT teams. Neve-Valente's storage unit was initially found locked and Neves-Valente himself was found deceased by SWAT personnel in a separate empty storage unit by a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Two [REDACTED] 9mm were found near his body along with 2 green lasers (one attached to a gun and one detached).

FBI Evidence Recovery Teams would search both units and the rental vehicle. A large number of items were seized including the Glocks (later determined to be the weapons in both our homicide and the homicide of the MIT professor), the dark grey and green two-tone jacket identified in the video surveillance, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, numerous extended/high capacity 9mm magazines, a 50 round 9mm drum, body armor, clothing indicative of being used for disguises, laptops, USBs, numerous phones, a third license plate, NH [REDACTED], along with numerous other items. A detailed list of the evidence recovered was later forwarded to department by the FBI.

DNA samples taken from the body of Neves-Valente were found to match the DNA recovered from the ballistic evidence at 184 Hope Street. One of the [REDACTED] found near Neve's Valente's body was confirmed through NIBIN to match the shell casings recovered from the scene.