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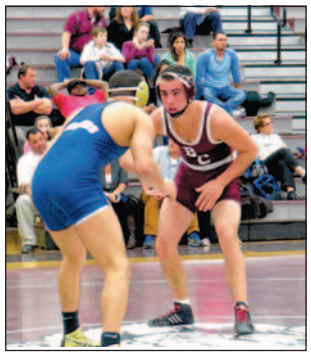

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# Search warrant

## Police suspect Hernandez may have been gunman

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BRISTOL — Police suspect Aaron Hernandez may have been the gunman in the 2012 slayings of two men in Boston, according to a search warrant released Thursday.

Hernandez, who pleaded not guilty in the shooting death of semiprofessional football player Odin Lloyd, has been the target of investigation into that homicide since last June. The newly released warrant gives the first indication that police think he may have been the man who killed Daniel Abreu and Safiro Texeira Furtado.

The warrant also notes that

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**Mark Blum gives the finance committee report to board members and hospital administrators, including Barbara and Gerald Jensen, during the Bristol Hospital's Annual Meeting of its corporators at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bristol on Thursday night.**

# Bristol Hospital holds annual meeting of corporators

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BRISTOL — Bristol Hospital officials found plenty to be happy about Thursday evening at the hospital's annual meeting, following a positive look back at 2013 with a hopeful forecast for this year.

Marie O'Brien, the hospital's chairman of the board, spoke on hospital culture in the state and the progressive attitude of Bristol Hospital. She said that, when other hospitals look toward the future, many of them ask, "Well, what is Bristol Hospital doing?" and use Bristol as a benchmark.

"Our board of directors has really led the way for the rest of the organization to stretch its goals," she said. "We stepped up as thinkers and also as doers."

Kurt Barwis, president and CEO of Bristol Hospital and Health Care Group Inc., gave a presentation detailing many of the hospital's areas of improvement. He noted that Consumer Reports has ranked it as the third-safest hospital in the state.

"It's about the people," Barwis said. "We're here to help the community."

Another source of pride for Barwis came in December, when the hospital received the highest designation possible for its organization and use of electronic medical records from the Health Information Management Systems Society — the first hospital in the state to do so.

"We are one of the most progressive boards you'll ever see," Barwis said.

Barwis also looked ahead to something hospital officials have been eyeing for some time: recognition for nursing excellence from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

"It's the gold standard for nursing," he said.

Dr. Kenneth Rhee, president of the medical staff who will soon step down to become chief medical officer, mentioned an aspect of the hospital's operation that improved drastically in the past year.

"We replaced all of our emergency room physicians, which turned one of our lowest performing areas to one of our best, and probably one of the best in the state," Rhee said.

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# Homicide investigation continues

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police viewed surveillance footage of Hernandez entering the same club the two men visited before the shooting at "approximately the same time as the victims."

No charges have been filed in the Abreu and Furtado slayings; a third person was injured in the same incident. The document does not give a motive.

The warrant, filed June 28, 2013 in order for police to search an SUV they believed was involved, has a significant amount of redacted text, including a section that may explain why police think Hernandez could have been the shooter.

The surveillance video that police viewed did not capture the shooting. The warrant, though, includes testimony from a surviving passenger in the shot-up car, Aquilino Freire. He told police that an SUV had pulled alongside the car he was in at a red light. At that time, he saw a driver and a laughing passenger in the SUV's back seat. Several shots were fired from the rear of the vehicle, he told police.

After the shooting, Freire said, two more men who were in the car with him fled on foot.

The warrant released Thursday was drafted after authorities investigating Lloyd's death found a Toyota 4Runner in a garage at 114 Lake Ave., which had been owned by Hernandez's uncle until his death in a moped accident last August. A representative of Toyota told police the vehicle had been given to Hernandez as part of a promotional deal.

Police received an anonymous tip from a caller in June of last year who said he had information that the Lloyd homicide and the double shooting were related. The name of the caller, which was redacted from the warrant released Thursday, was given in an additional warrant made public last week as Sharif Hashem.

Hashem, a security supervisor at another Boston club, told police, "Someone accidentally spilled the beans in front of me," the warrant said.

Hernandez was immediately released by the New England Patriots last year when news accounts indicated that he would be charged in the death of Lloyd, whose body was found near the tight end's North Attleborough home in Massachusetts. He is awaiting trial on a charge of first-degree murder.

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Tenet Healthcare Chief Executive Officer Erik Wexler and Corey Davison, Vice President, Government Relations, Tenet Healthcare Corporation talk with former Bristol Hospital chief medical officer Dr. Leonard Banco during the meeting Thursday night.

# Meeting highlights accomplishments of 2013 and future outlook for 2014

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Also highlighted at the meeting were several new service lines Bristol Hospital launched, most notably geriatrics and breast health and wellness. Those fields and others benefited greatly from the addition of 34 members to the medcal staff in 2013.

One of the most noteworthy new members is Dr. David Rubins, an orthopedic surgeon. His creative method of hip-replacement surgery, called the direct anterior approach, avoids cutting through muscle. It is less invasive and allows patients a faster recovery. Most who undergo the procedure go home in a day or two, as opposed to the three nights in the hospital required after traditional surgery.

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# Computer fair Saturday at Southington High School

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SOUTHINGTON — Electronics will be available at discount prices at the Cogan Computer Fair at Southington High School Saturday, Jan. 18.

The fair is held annually at locations throughout Connecticut and has been held in Southington for more than 15 years.

This year, it takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the cafeteria of the school, 720 Pleasant St.

The event is sponsored by the Southington High School Band Backers and proceeds will support the band.

Cogan fairs bring together a variety of computer dealers at one location to sell merchandise including desktop and laptop computers, printers and ink, MP3 players, Bluetooth devices and electronic toys. Computers can also be built to order while you shop.

## IF YOU GO

WHAT: Computer and electronics fair.
WHERE: Southington High School cafeteria, 720 Pleasant St.
WHEN: Saturday Jan. 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
WHY: To support Southington High School's marching band.
COST: $7. Students and their parents admitted free with a student ID. Discount coupon available at coganfairs.com.

Free electronics recycling is also offered with paid admission. Appliances, CRT monitors, tube TVs and other devices will be accepted for recycling.

John Miller, coordinator for the Southington High School Band Backers, said a dozen dealers usually show up.

"There are a lot of great deals and it helps to support a great organization," he said.

According to Miller, the average turnout for the fair is 300 to 500 people.

Admission is $7 for the entire day, but students and their parents will be admitted free with a student ID.

For more information, visit coganfairs.com.

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The Cogan Computer Fair is held annually throughout Connecticut. Between 300 and 500 people usually attend in Southington. Photo taken from coganfairs.com.