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Dorchester man, 18, held without bail in Jamaica Plain slaying

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

An 18-year-old from Dorchester, accused of fatally shooting a man during a drug deal at a Jamaica Plain home last month, was arrested and held without bail Friday, authorities said.

Charles Reddicks was arrested Friday morning for allegedly shooting 25-year-old Mariano Malave to death, the Suffolk County District Attorney's office said in a statement.

He was arraigned Friday afternoon on a murder charge at West Roxbury District Court, officials said. A not guilty plea was automatically entered on his behalf.

On April 27, around 6:30 p.m., Malave was found suffering from an apparent gunshot wound at 132 Hyde Park Ave. located in the Forest Hills section of Jamaica Plain, police said. He was pronounced dead at the scene, inside a multifamily home located along a busy road near an MBTA subway and bus station.

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Reddicks "was in the process of negotiating the purchase of a pound of marijuana from Mr. Malave," that day, Daniel Mulhern, assistant district attorney and chief of the district attorney's Gang Unit said, according to the statement. "In the course of the transaction, the defendant fired multiple shots, killing Mr. Malave."

After the alleged shooting, Reddicks left in a vehicle that was "linked to" his Millett Street address and his grandmother, the prosecutor said.

Reddicks' arrest was based on "witness statements, cellular and telephonic records, and video evidence," according to Mulhern.

He was held without bail and his bail on an open, unrelated shooting case out of Boston Municipal Court was revoked, Wark said.

In that case, Reddicks allegedly shot an 18-year-old male in the arm from the passenger's seat of a moving car on Dec. 1, 2011, authorities said. That shooting cause non-life threatening injuries and is believed to have been in retaliation for an earlier physical altercation, according to prosecutors.

The Globe [reported](#) earlier this month that Malave was shot in the head when he answered the door at his girlfriend's apartment.

Cullen, citing Dorchester District Court probation officer Trina Higgins, described Malave as having repeatedly been in trouble with drugs.

But recently, Malave had gotten a job at Home Depot, enrolled in a trade school and his mandated drug testings were coming back clean, according to Cullen.

A few hours before he was killed, Malave had visited Higgins in her office to thank her and "everybody that believed in him when he didn't believe in himself," the Globe's Kevin Cullen wrote. During the visit, Higgins also helped Malave schedule a hearing to thank Judge Rosalind Miller for giving him a break.

Family and friends had held a surprise birthday party for Malave five days before he was killed, his cousin, Evelise Alicea, [told Boston.com](#) previously.

Reddicks next court date for the Dec. 2011 shooting is scheduled for June 5,

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officials said. He is scheduled to next appear in court on the murder charge on June 20, said.

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