



What we know about the South Boston double murder

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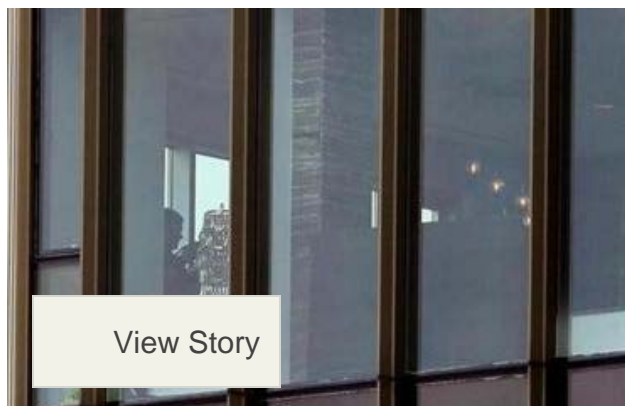
On the night of May 5, a Chelsea man allegedly killed two doctors in their luxury South Boston condo. But the key outstanding question is: why?

While we don't have a motive for the killings, here's what we do know about the case:

- Police found the victims, [Lina Bolaños, 38](#), and her fiancé [Richard Field, 49](#), in their penthouse condo on that Friday night. They were found with their hands bound and throats slit, and there was blood on the walls, [according to two officials](#) who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

- Photos of the two doctors had been cut up, the officials said. One of the officials said the killer wrote a message of retribution on the wall.

- When Boston police searched the condo, they discovered a black backpack full of jewelry “in a remarkably conspicuous area” and “presumably belonging to” Bolaños, prosecutors have said.



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Those who knew the two doctors killed said they were baffled as to why anyone would want to hurt the accomplished, beloved physicians.

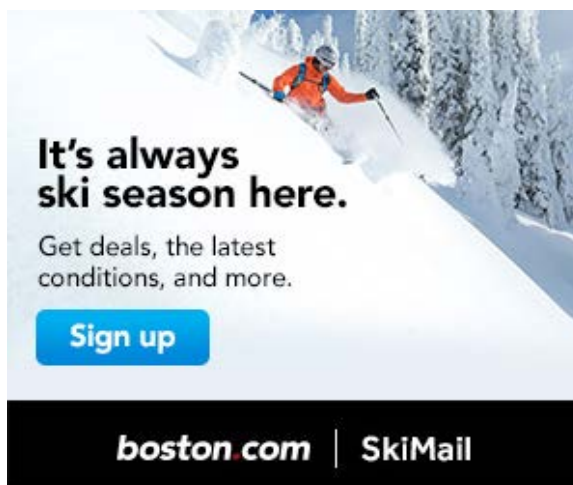
Motive still unclear in South Boston double slaying

- A [motive for the gruesome attack remained unclear](#). Friends, colleagues, and family of the victims said they knew of no association with the man accused of killing them 30-year-old Bampumim Teixeira.
- Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley [has said](#) there was “no evidence whatsoever” that Teixeira had a “personal relationship” with the victims.



Bampumim Teixeira.

“There is no evidence whatsoever at this stage that the defendant had a personal relationship with either Dr. Field or Dr. Bolaños ... nor is there any evidence to explain why he would attack them so viciously,” Conley said at an afternoon news conference.



Conley’s statements contradicted earlier comments from police officials, who said that Teixeira and the two doctors were known to each other, but did not say how.

- Authorities have not explained how Teixeira got into the building with heavy security or how he reached the 11th floor of [the 140-unit Macallen Building at 141 Dorchester Ave.](#), near the MBTA Broadway station.
- Police records from a previous criminal case say that Teixeira once worked for a security firm at the South Boston housing complex, and was known to some as “JJ.” The firm, Palladion Services LLC, [said](#) Teixeira passed background and reference checks and was hired in October 2015. His employment ended in April 2016. Palladion Services provided the concierge service until Feb. 18, when the complex [switched](#) to a new company. It’s unclear what precipitated the change. The founder of the new company, Highbridge Concierge, which calls itself a premium residential

management company, has declined to discuss the complex's security.

- When he was arrested in connection with the murders, Teixeira described himself as a security guard.
- On the night of May 5, the couple canceled plans to host someone for dinner at their condo. Bolaños, a pediatric anesthesiologist at Massachusetts Eye and Ear, had invited a surgeon for dinner that night, Dr. Sunil Eappen, her boss at Massachusetts Eye and Ear, told the Globe. But Eappen said she canceled because Field, a doctor at North Shore Pain Management, was not feeling well.
- Also on [that night](#), a friend of the doctors received two text messages reporting that a gunman was in their condo and asked that 911 be called, prosecutors have said. The friend called police.
- When officers reached the 11th floor outside Field's condo at around 8:45 p.m., they found a set of keys on the floor, prosecutors said. They shouted into the unit, got not response, and then used the keys to open the door themselves.
- Inside, officers encountered an intruder in a darkened interior hallway, and, believing that the intruder either pointed or fired a weapon at them, the officers shot at him, according to Conley, the Suffolk County District Attorney.
- After being wounded in the hand, leg and abdomen, Teixeira, who was wearing black clothing and "dark-colored gloves," allegedly told police that there was another man was in the condo who was prepared to open fire on them, prosecutors said. The police entry team then launched a search of the unit and discovered the bodies of the two doctors.
- Conley's description of what happened refuted previous police reports that Teixeira had opened fire at police officers at the couple's condominium. Conley said no gun was found at the scene, but at least one knife and a replica gun were found. Shell casings found at the scene came only from firearms that belonged to Boston Police, he said.
- Teixeira was recently released after serving nine months in a house of correction for two bank robberies. When he was arrested after the most recent robbery in June 2016, he voluntarily told investigators about another robbery he committed in Aug. 2014. (Though his picture had been posted on the massmostwanted.org website in connection with the 2014 robbery, he was apparently

able to pass a background check and get work as a security guard in Oct. 2015.) Because he never showed a weapon, the robberies were not prosecuted as a federal crime. Instead, the case was referred to the Suffolk district attorney's office and ended up in Boston Municipal Court. As [reported by the Globe's Kevin Cullen](#), the charge was reduced from unarmed robbery to larceny. That way, Teixeira didn't have a felony or conviction for a crime committed within his first five years of receiving a green card, which would have involved US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Judge Lisa Grant also imposed a sentence one day short of the 365 that could have triggered action to deport him.

- Teixeira's former girlfriend, who spoke on condition of anonymity to protect her privacy, [told the Globe the day after the murders](#) that Teixeira had texted and called her out of the blue on April 22. He told her she would never see him again, she said, and that he didn't plan on living for long. He told her he was "not a good person," but also that he would never hurt anyone, she said.
- Teixeira was [arraigned](#) in his hospital bed at Tufts Medical Center in Boston on the Monday after the murders. He was ordered held without bail. His court-appointed defense attorney did not challenge that ruling.

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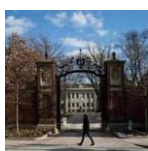
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