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**Stabbing suspect Richard Torres and his lawyer Arthur Kelly listen as the judge agrees to Assistant District Attorney Rourke Donnelly's \$50,000 bail request in Waltham District Court on Friday.**

# Jealous rage cited as motive in stabbing

## Torres in prison on parole violation

By Galen Moore

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WALTHAM — A prosecutor said jealous rage was the motive for an early morning stabbing that left a victim in a coma, and led to a tense standoff with police on School Street.

At 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 14, 22-year-old Richard Torres went to the Amory Road apartment of a man who had started dating Torres' ex-girlfriend, and banged on the door, Assistant District Attorney Rourke Don-

nnelly said during a dangerousness hearing Friday.

Torres forced himself in, an argument broke out, and Torres stabbed the man in the abdomen several times, Donnelly said, adding that the ex-girlfriend witnessed it all.

Later that morning, police coaxed Torres from a School Street apartment he had fled to, and arrested him.

Donnelly reported Torres has said he acted in self-defense.

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using of needles at home  
and recommend their exclu-  
sion from household trash.

"One unnecessary needle  
stick is a problem," said  
Tony Schumann, executive  
director of the coalition.

Dr. Ben Hoffman, chief  
medical officer of Waste  
Management and president  
of the coalition's board, said  
more people will be injecting  
regularly at home as hospitals  
discharge patients sooner  
and new classes of injectable  
drugs become available for  
home use.

"Institutional medical  
waste requires a separate  
waste stream," he said.  
"Why should home-generat-  
ed medical waste be any dif-  
ferent?"

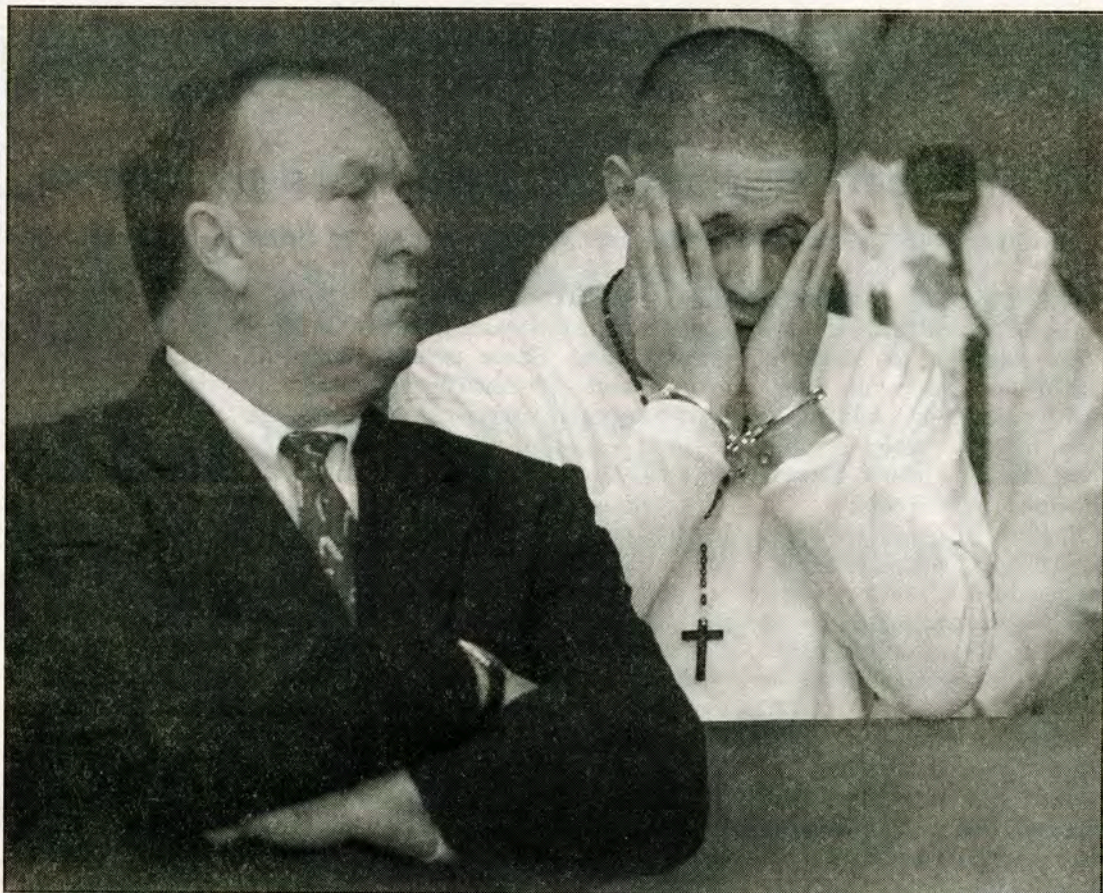
Massachusetts officials  
could look to Rhode Island  
for a workable plan.

The Eureka Program, run  
by the Diabetes Foundation  
of Rhode Island, collects used  
needles at 41 sites through-  
out the Ocean State.

Containers with needles  
may be deposited in mailbox-  
style bins at sites that include  
Walgreens, CVS, Walgreen's, and  
community pharmacies.

Karen Leboeuf, deputy di-  
rector of the foundation, said  
the program has collected  
more than 3 million needles  
since 1999. It is funded by  
business and corporate donors.  
Several options are avail-  
able for Massachusetts.

Drug treatment and health  
centers in Lowell, Pittsfield,  
and Great Barrington have  
expressed a willingness to  
serve as drop-off sites, as  
long as they are not saddled



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**Stabbing suspect Richard Torres reacts to Assistant District Attorney Rourke Donnelly's \$50,000 bail request in Waltham District Court on Friday.**

## Suspect in prison on parole violation

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Judge Gregory Flynn set bail at the \$50,000 Donnelly requested, although defense attorney Richard Kelly had asked for \$5,000 bail. Kelly called Torres' criminal record, "minimal at best."

"He's never served any time before," the public defender said. "He has made all his court appearances."

However, Donnelly said Torres is homeless and drug-dependent, and therefore a flight risk. The School Street apartment where he was arrested be-

longs to a friend, Donnelly said.

"It's a particularly violent offense," Donnelly said.

Torres appeared in court having been in jail for eight days, since his arrest. His alleged victim fell into a coma after the incident, but by last week had recovered enough to leave the hospital and answer questions for police.

The court also sent Torres to prison for six months for violating probation. In July, Torres was caught breaking into a car on Grant Street in Waltham. He was sentenced to two years'

probation in exchange for a guilty plea, but according to court documents he has failed to show up for mandatory drug testing and treatment, since then.

After he serves his six-month term, or is paroled, Torres will be eligible to post the \$50,000 cash bail, if necessary. Police officers and possibly civilian witnesses are expected to testify before a grand jury in a Jan. 10 probable cause hearing.

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