Man charged with Nov. 5 fatal shooting in Roxbury

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Anthony Toombs was "minding his own business," sitting alone in a car on Nazing Street in Roxbury just after 10 a.m. on Nov. 5, when prosecutors say Antoiwane Davis appeared at his window and opened fire.

Toombs, 24, was killed. Davis allegedly fled, but prosecutors say witnesses and video surveillance put him at the scene. On Friday morning, Boston police arrested Davis, 23, half a block from where he is accused of killing Toombs. He was ordered held without bail Friday afternoon on a slate of charges, including murder, in Roxbury Municipal Court. He pleaded not guilty.

Members of Toombs's family sat quietly in the courtroom, some wiping away tears, throughout the proceedings.

"It's just these kids nowadays; they just don't have a care in the world," said one woman, who identified herself only as a relative of Toombs, after the arraignment. "It's sad on both ends. It didn't seem like Mr. Davis had anybody there [in court to support him]. I don't know his life, I don't know what he has, what he doesn't have. . . . Both families are losing."

Suffolk County Assistant District Attorney Amy Galatis said that after Davis allegedly

killed Toombs, he ran down Nazing Street, where he lives, and entered a building on Seaver Street before fleeing the area on foot. Video cameras captured his flight, she said.

On Nov. 5, an official with knowledge of the investigation said the shooting appeared to be gang-related.

Davis had been indicted on a Dorchester gun and robbery charge in 2013, and sentenced to one and a half years behind bars followed by two years of probation, officials said.

It has been a violent stretch of weeks in Boston. So far this month, the city has had four homicides, compared with one by this point last November, according to Boston police. October saw eight homicides this year, compared with three last October. So far this year, there have been 40 homicides in the city, compared with 32 by the same point last year, according to police.

Davis's arrest was the second police made this week in homicide cases. On Wednesday, the Boston Police Fugitive Unit arrested Julian Troche and charged him with the June 18 murder of 31-year-old Andrew Flonory and the nonfatal shooting of his brother, Dwayne Flonory.

Troche, 24, of Boston, pleaded not guilty and was held without bail.

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