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“It is important to me and my constituents that someone in state government be accountable.”

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Department of Transportation Director Peter Alviti Jr. answers a question during the Washington Bridge legislative oversight hearing on Nov. 13. In nearly five hours of testimony, he placed full blame on private contractors for the bridge's failure. PHOTOS BY DAVID DELPOIO/THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL

In the hot seat

Lawmakers grill DOT director on bridge failure

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Rhode Island Transportation Director Peter Alviti Jr. blamed private contractors – in full – for the failure of the westbound Washington Bridge while defending the state's near total reliance on outsourced engineering expertise for transportation during testimony before a Joint General Assembly Oversight Committee on Nov. 13.

Over nearly five hours of under-oath questioning led by former top federal prosecutor Zachary Cunha, Alviti said that the DOT does not have the capacity to assess whether bridge inspections done by private companies, like the ones done on the Washington Bridge, are adequate or being done correctly.

The agency instead relies on outside expertise to determine the condition of state bridges and other contractors to catch any

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Former U.S. Attorney Zachary A. Cunha questions Alviti during Thursday's joint oversight committee hearing.

Woman killed in suspected Providence homicide

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A suspect is in custody after a woman was fatally shot in Providence on Thursday, Nov. 13, a Police Department spokeswoman said Friday morning.

The victim has been identified as Morgan Lynn Boss, 29, of Vernon, Connecticut.

Shortly before 5 p.m., officers responded to 1003 Broad St. for a reported shooting and found a woman, later identified as Boss, with a gunshot wound to the head, according to spokeswoman Kristy dosReis. Boss was pronounced dead at the scene.

The police are investigating the incident as a homicide. Criminal charges are pending the outcome of the ongoing investigation, dosReis said.



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9-2 Patriots starting to look very familiar

FOXBORO, MA – The real proving ground here is in January and February. That's the seemingly impossible standard that's been set at Gillette Stadium this century.

Those special playoff nights, followed by Super Bowl victories and a curbside spot for a duckboat cruise through nearby Boston are what everyone truly craves. The coaches and players who helped author them have long since passed into New England Patriots immortality.

The journeys to arrive at those championship moments usually carried some familiar markers. A prime-time game against an AFC East opponent and a relatively straightforward time dispatching them certainly qualifies, and the Patriots ticked that box Thursday night.

The Jets were helpless while New England rolled to a 27-14 triumph, a win that came after a road battle at

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