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## Press Release

## Foxborough man pleads guilty In April Casino threat case

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A local construction worker has admitted he threatened a Foxborough Selectman with violence if he did not vote for the casino being proposed for that town, according to Norfolk DA Michael W. Morrissey

"Michael Viscardi pled guilty Thursday (July 12, 2012) to the charge against him, threatening to commit a crime, in the Wrentham District Court," said District Attorney Morrissey.

On April 15, 2012, Viscardi had confronted a Foxborough Selectman in an angry manner and stated "If you don't change your (expletive) vote...you're a dead man."

He was arrested and charged by Foxborough police following an investigation.

"The charge carries a maximum penalty of six months in the county house of correction," DA Morrissey said. "We requested that he serve two months incarcerated, then have a four month suspended sentence hanging over his head for three years with a list of conditions designed to change his behavior in the community."

The court did not order the incarceration, but instead sentenced Viscardi, age 40 of Spruce Street in Foxborough, to six months in the house of correction, suspended for one year. The court did order the probation conditions requested by the Norfolk District Attorney's Office. Those conditions include mental health evaluation and any recommended treatment, remain drug and alcohol free, sign waivers allowing probation to monitor his treatment, submit to random chemical screens, and stay away and have no contact with the victim of the threat.

All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.