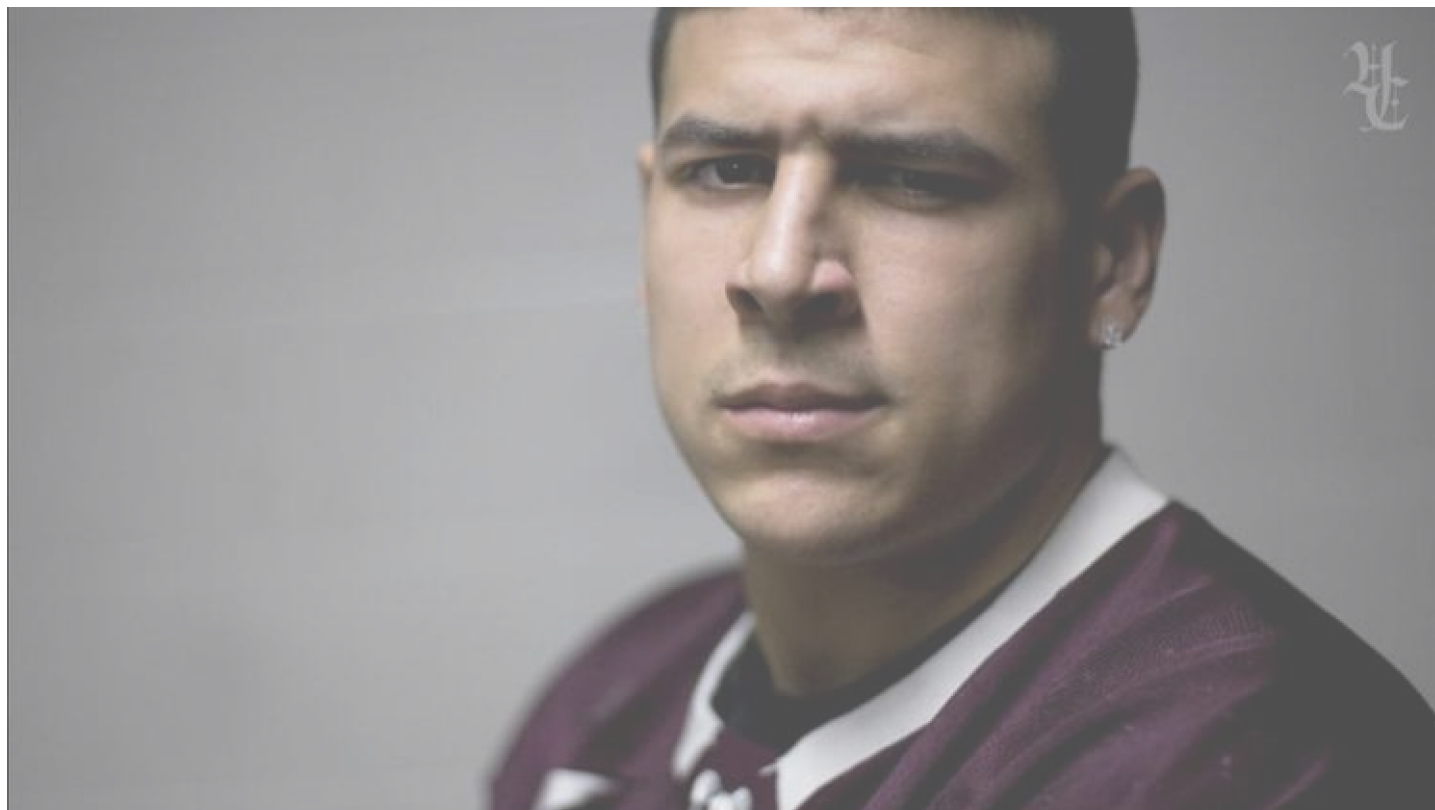


Aaron Hernandez Murder Conviction Could Be Vacated



Convicted murderer Aaron Hernandez was found dead in his prison cell Wednesday, the result of an apparent suicide. Here's a look at the rise and fall of the Bristol Central High standout turned Patriots tight end.



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Aaron Hernandez's death Wednesday in a Massachusetts prison could result in his conviction in the murder of **Odin Lloyd** being vacated.

But that shouldn't affect a pending civil lawsuit Lloyd's mother filed that seeks to obtain much of the former New England Patriot star's personal fortune, said Ursula Ward's lawyer.

"We've already gotten a summary judgment in our favor," said Boston lawyer Douglas Sheff.

Sheff said burden of proof in a civil case is less than that of a criminal case.

The suit does not specify the amount of damages Ward is seeking from Hernandez. Her lawyers had asked a court to set aside and reserve some of Hernandez's assets, including the house he owns in North Attleboro, Mass. and payments of \$3.25 million and \$82,000 that are subjects of a labor grievance the **NFL Player's Association** brought against the Patriots on Hernandez's behalf.