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Press Release

Grand Jury issues murder indictment in Multi-Car Sharon Crash

A Norfolk County Grand Jury this week (April 5, 2022) indicted 22-year old Nicholas Snyder for second-degree murder, vehicular manslaughter - OUI, and Assault with a dangerous weapon in the November 7, 2021 crash that claimed the life of a young Sharon man, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Snyder was in home confinement in his mother's Wrentham residence, having entered a plea of not guilty to Stoughton District Court charges stemming from the incident. At his November 2021 arraignment and dangerousness hearing, and in court documents, prosecutors allege that Snyder was driving erratically and in excess of 100 miles an hour as he approached the signalized intersection of US Rte. 1 and Old Post Road in Sharon.

Kevin Earley, 21, of Sharon, was stopped at the red light at that intersection. The Nissan Altima Snyder is alleged to have been driving struck Earley's gray Subaru Forester, propelling it through the intersection. The defendant's vehicle is then alleged to have struck a Dodge Durango, which was then propelled into a Toyota Corolla. Occupants of those vehicles survived with minor injuries.

Earley was pronounced dead at the scene.

Snyder was taken into police custody following his indictment and entered a plea of not guilty at his arraignment that afternoon. Norfolk Superior Court Judge Beverly Cannone heard a bail argument the following day (April 6, 2022) and increased the bail amount from the \$5,000 imposed at the district court level to \$50,000 cash and maintained the conditions that had been in place at the district court level: possess no weapons or firearms; stay away and have no contact with the witnesses and the victim's family; remain drug and alcohol free; submit to GPS monitoring with home confinement; and reside with and remain in the custody of his mother.

Judge Cannone ordered the defendant to return to Norfolk Superior Court on July 12, 2022 for pre-trial conference.

"The murder indictment returned by the grand jury accurately reflects that the allegations here go beyond those in a straight motor vehicle homicide case," District Attorney Morrissey said, noting that indictments are only accusations and that the defendant enjoys the Constitutional presumption of innocence. "The grand jury's indictments move this case to the Norfolk Superior Court, and we begin moving through the process that leads to trial."