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Press Release

ARRAIGNMENT TODAY IN STOUGHTON HIT-AND-RUN

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Stoughton Police have made an arrest in the 9/27/20 motor vehicle homicide of Aquilino Sol Lopez, 23, at the interchange of Routes 24 and 139.

Shandi Cardoza, 31, of Brockton, is currently being processed at the Stoughton Police Station and is expected to be arraigned on charges of leaving the scene of a collision causing death, motor vehicle homicide by negligent operation, leaving the scene of a collision causing property damage, and tampering with evidence.

"Greater detail will likely come out at arraignment late this morning or early this afternoon, but Stoughton Police did some very impressive detective work to piece this investigation together," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Ms. Cardoza enjoys the presumption of innocence, and today's arraignment is just the start of this process, but Stoughton Police deserve credit for a lot of hard work for developing probable cause to bring these charges. State Police Crime Scene Services and the Collision Analysis Reconstruction Section have also been important in moving this investigation forward into court."

Mr. Lopez was riding a scooter on Rte. 139 when he was struck from behind and killed. The driver, now alleged to be Cardoza, was not on scene when police arrived.

The time of the Stoughton District Court arraignment will be released as soon as it is confirmed by court officials.

ARRAIGNMENT UPDATE: The Commonwealth requested \$25,000 cash bail and an order that the defendant not drive should she post bail. Judge Daniel O'Malley ordered \$10,000 cash bail. The defendant entered a plea of not guilty to all charges and was ordered to return to Stoughton District Court on October 28, 2020.

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