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Press Release

Arrest in Brookline Homicide

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An arrest has been made in the Nov. 19, 2019 stabbing homicide of Nicolas Kern in the town of Brookline.

Members of the Massachusetts State Police, Brookline Police, and Malden Police, executed a court-authorized entry into a residence on Wallace Circle in Malden, Mass. Singha Oeun, age 21, of Egmont Street, Brookline, was taken into custody pursuant to a Brookline District Court arrest warrant charging him with murder in the death of Mr. Kern.

"Detectives from the Brookline and State Police have worked non-stop since Nicolas Kern was transported from Amory Park to the Beth Israel Hospital in the early morning hours Tuesday," District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said. "I wish to thank Brookline Police Chief Andrew Lipson and the members of his department for the outstanding cooperation and coordination we have experienced in this investigation."

Chief Lipson confirmed that there are no other suspects being sought in this incident. "There is evidence that these parties were known to each other," Chief Lipson said. "There is no ongoing danger to residents related to this incident and no reason for there to be heightened fear in the area of Amory Park."

District Attorney Morrissey has assigned the matter to Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Blair for prosecution. The arraignment of Mr. Oeun is expected to be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019 in the Brookline District Court.

"The arrest and arraignment are only the beginning of a long process, during which the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. But that process begins now," District Attorney Morrissey said.

POST ARRAIGNMENT UPDATE:

Singha Oeun, 21, of Brookline, entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of murder against him in Brookline District Court this morning in the death of Nicolas Kern.

Judge Mary Dacey White ordered Oeun held without bail and ordered that he be returned to court on December 19 for a probable cause hearing. Oeun was represented by Boston Attorney John Galvin at arraignment. The Commonwealth was represented by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Blair.

Pending charges represent accusations; all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt under the United States Constitution.