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Press Release

Brookline Developer Indicted In Arson, Insurance Fraud

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A Norfolk County Grand Jury has issued four indictments against Alan F. Kaplan, of Brookline, relating to the alleged July 2013 arson of a property that he was involved in developing on Spooner Road in Brookline.

Kaplan, age 50, was indicted September 21, 2015 for Arson of a Dwelling, Arson of a Building, Accessory before the fact of Arson and Arson with Intent to Defraud Insurance. An indictment warrant was obtained from the Norfolk District Court and Brookline Police detectives placed him under arrest the same afternoon.

"We expect his arraignment to be tomorrow in the Norfolk Superior Court," District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said after the arrest. "I have to complement the Brookline Police Department for their work and partnership on this case. They kept on working this investigation and developing evidence."

Kaplan is the second man indicted in connection with the fire.

Steven McCann, 31, was indicted September 18, 2013 for Arson of a Dwelling, Arson of a Building and Malicious Destruction of Property valued at over \$250. McCann pled not guilty at his Nov. 6, 2013 arraignment in Superior Court and the charges against him remain pending. McCann's next date in Superior Court is October 13, District Attorney Morrissey said.

Update: Kaplan pled not guilty at his Sept. 22, 2015 arraignment. The Commonwealth requested \$500,000 cash bail and that the defendant surrender his passport as a condition of release. Judge Kenneth J. Fishman ordered \$10,000 cash bail and passport surrender. Kaplan was ordered back Dec. 17, 2015 at 2 p.m. for pre-trial conference.

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