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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Nicholas Pilalas has been charged with one count of Second Degree Murder**

**MIDDLEBORO, MA-** Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz today announced that Nicholas C. Pilalas (DOB: 01-24-85) of 6 Soule Street, Middleboro has been charged with one count of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder in connection with the stabbing death of a Middleboro man which occurred at approximately 12:08 this morning.

According to witnesses, Pilalas was driving on Plympton Street in Middleboro in his 2004 Chevy Blazer when he confronted a group of people walking down the street. During the verbal exchange Pilalas exited his vehicle, rolled up his shirt sleeves and raised his shirt up to display a silver-colored knife tucked in his pocket. After speaking with the group, Pilalas appeared to calm down and converse normally.

A second group of males arrived on scene in a Ford vehicle. There was a verbal confrontation between Pilalas and the second group with culminated in a physical altercation. One of the men from the Ford punched Pilalas in the face. Subsequently, Pilalas withdrew a knife from his pocket and began swinging it around while the three men from the Ford retreated. As a result, Dalton L. Goulart (DOB: 5-03-91 of Middleboro), suffered one stab wound to the left chest in the area of the heart.

Two Middleboro officers arrived on scene to find Mr. Goulart bleeding from the chest. Mr. Goulart was transported to Jordan Hospital where he later was pronounced dead at 1:27a.m.

The case is under investigation by the State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth District Attorney's Office and the Middleboro Police. Pilalas will be arraigned tomorrow in the Wareham District Court.

No further information is being released at this time.

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