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Press Release

Brasfield pleads not guilty, ordered held Without bail in fatal Stoughton stabbing

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Keenan Brasfield, 24, pled not guilty to the murder of Erwins Albert, 36, of Stoughton, at his arraignment in Stoughton District Court this morning, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Brasfield, who has ties to addresses in Stoughton and Hyde Park, surrendered himself to authorities at the Stoughton Police Station just before 8:20 p.m. on Sunday, May 8, 2016 – the day after authorities had announced the existence of a murder warrant for him through regional media outlets.

Brasfield is accused of stabbing Mr. Albert in the driveway of 89 Canton Street in Stoughton, where neither man was believed to be living. Brasfield's car had just been towed to that location from a tow yard a short distance away when the two men came into contact. The facts and circumstances remain under investigation.

Stoughton District Court Judge Richard D. Savignano ordered Brasfield held without bail at the request of Assistant District Attorney Carolyn Hely. Defense attorney Christopher Belezos deferred on making a bail argument until he had the opportunity to further review the case.

Judge Savignano ordered the defendant to return to the Stoughton District Court on June 3, 2016, for a probable cause hearing.

"The Stoughton Police and Chief Donna McNamara were excellent partners with our State Police Detective Unit working this case," District Attorney Morrissey said. "The expeditious work led to a murder warrant issuing within hours. That information was disseminated through regional media outlets one day before the defendant surrendered."