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Press Release

Taunton man pleads not guilty in Crash that killed Stoughton man

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Michael Burns, 33, of Bradford Street in Taunton pled not guilty at his Stoughton District Court arraignment this morning (December 14, 2015) and was ordered held on \$20,000 cash bail following the crash that killed a well-known Stoughton businessman.

Burns was allegedly driving a 2006 Chevy Malibu when he struck and killed Joseph Brady, Jr., age 71, in the vicinity of the Christmas tree lot on Park Street at roughly about 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 2015. Mr. Brady was the longtime proprietor of the tree lot.

Mr. Brady was taken to a Boston hospital via MedFlight evacuation helicopter but did not survive his injuries.

The defendant pled not guilty to Motor Vehicle Homicide while Operating Under the Influence of Drugs in violation of Chapter 90, Section 24G(b).

Defense counsel Jon Ciraulo indicated that the defendant was likely to post bail on the day of arraignment. He is ordered to remain drug and alcohol free and not operate a motor vehicle while free on bail.

Stoughton Police were joined in the investigation by personnel from the Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section of the Massachusetts State Police and an attorney from the Motor Vehicle Homicide Unit of Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey's Office.

Initial evidence suggests that Mr. Burns had just delivered a pizza to a nearby residence.