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Press Release

Quincy man denies charges In deadly Palmer Street Crash

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Christopher Murch, 22, or Quincy pled not guilty at his Quincy District Court arraignment today (August 16, 2017) stemming from the fatal August 7 motor vehicle crash on Palmer Street in that city, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Quincy Police had publicized a photo of Murch using social and traditional media after obtaining a warrant for his arrest on charges of motor vehicle homicide, leaving the scene of a motor vehicle crash causing death and leaving the scene of a motor vehicle crash causing personal injury. Murch subsequently surrendered himself to Quincy Police.

Quincy Police were called to a report of a crash at roughly 12:20 a.m. August 7 in the area of 215 Palmer Street. They arrived to find a Ford F-350 truck with one passenger deceased and another having extricated himself from the vehicle. There was obvious damage to a nearby telephone pole and parked cars.

The charges, which Murch today denied, allege that he was driving the truck that caused the death and injury but left the scene before police could arrive.

Judge Mary Orfanello ordered the defendant held on \$100,000 cash bail and ordered him to return to court Sept. 13, 2017. Should he post his cash bail, Judge Orfanello ordered that he should be subject to 24/7 home confinement with GPS monitoring, allowed out of the home only to meet with his attorney, his physician or to attend court. He also was ordered to remain drug and alcohol free, with random screening, and to stay away from and have no contact with the family of the deceased victim or the surviving passenger and his family.

As with all defendants, Murch enjoys the Constitutional presumption of innocence unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.