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**STOUGHTON MAN GUILTY OF MOTOR VEHICLE HOMICIDE CHARGES IN
EAST BRIDGEWATER CRASH THAT KILLED FOUR YOUNG MEN**

BROCKTON – A Stoughton man has been convicted for charges of Motor Vehicle Homicide by Negligent Operation when he crashed his car and killed his four young passengers, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

After a six-day trial, a jury deliberated four hours before finding 19 year-old Naiquan D. Hamilton of Stoughton guilty today of four counts of Motor Vehicle Homicide by Negligent Operation. The jury found Hamilton not guilty of four counts each of Manslaughter by Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of Drugs, Motor Vehicle Homicide While Under the Influence of Drugs.

“There were no winners in the courtroom today,” DA Cruz said. “Four lives were cut short before they ever began. They were not Mr. Hamilton’s to take.”

At approximately 4:06 p.m. on May 19, 2018, East Bridgewater Police received 911 calls for a report of a car into a tree at 558 West Street/Route 106. East Bridgewater Police and Fire responded and located a single motor vehicle with five male occupants. Three of the occupants in the vehicle were pronounced dead at the scene. Those victims were identified as Christopher Desir, 17, of Brockton, Eryck Sarblah, 17, of Stoughton and Nicholas Joyce, 16, of Stoughton. An additional crash victim was taken to Brockton Hospital where he was pronounced dead. He was identified as David Bell, 17, of Stoughton.

Hamilton, who was 17-years-old at the time of the crash, was the driver of the vehicle and was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital in Brockton before he was transported to Boston Medical Center for treatment of his injuries.

East Bridgewater Police notified Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office and the State Police CARS Unit and an investigation commenced.

Hamilton is scheduled to be sentenced on March 9 at 9 a.m.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Russell Eonas and Richard Linehan and was investigated by State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, East Bridgewater Police, and the Massachusetts State Police CARS Unit.

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