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**STOUGHTON MAN COMMITTED TO STATE DYS CUSTODY FOR MOTOR
VEHICLE HOMICIDE THAT KILLED FOUR YOUNG MEN**

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

On February 12, 2020, a jury found 19 year-old Naiquan D. Hamilton of Stoughton guilty 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. Today, Brockton Juvenile Judge Dana Gershengorn sentenced Hamilton to the maximum sentence of commitment to the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services until he turns 20 years-old.

“The four families of these young victims were impacted irretrievably and permanently by Naiquan Hamilton’s actions on that day,” DA Cruz said. “With the enormity of their loss and their extreme grief in common, these families have come together and formed a tight-knit group of support. I hope that Mr. Hamilton will go on to become a productive member of society and live his life in a way that honors the four lives that he took away.”

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.

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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