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Detroit Teen Charged in Fatal Stabbing of Detroit Man

Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Ahmed Al-Alikhan, 17 years, and 11 months old, of Detroit, in connection with the fatal stabbing of Howard Brisendine, 64, also of Detroit. Defendant Al-Alikhan will be waived and tried as an adult defendant.

On September 29, 2024, at approximately 4:04 p.m., Detroit police officers were dispatched to a residence in the 6000 block of Minock Street for a reported dead person observed. Upon their arrival, officers located Mr. Brisendine deceased in the living room of the home, suffering from multiple stab wounds.

It is alleged that the defendant targeted the victim on an online dating app because he was a member of the LGBTQ community. It is further alleged that on September 24, 2024, at the victim's residence in the 6000 block of Minock Street in Detroit, the defendant stabbed the victim multiple times, fatally injuring him, before taking the victim's car keys and fleeing the scene in his vehicle. More specific facts and evidence in the case will be placed on the record in court at the preliminary examination.

Defendant Al-Alikhan was taken into custody by the Dearborn Police Department and turned over to the Detroit Police Department on October 1, 2024.

Ahmed Al-Alikhan has been charged with First Degree Murder, Felony Murder and Unlawful Driving Away an Automobile.*

"It is hard to fathom a more planned series of events in this case. Unfortunately, the set of alleged facts are far too common in the LGBTQ community. We will bring justice to Mr. Brisendine. The defendant is 17 years, and 11 months old - mere weeks away from being an adult offender under the law. As a result of that and the heinous nature of this crime, we will seek to try him as an adult," said Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

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"This case highlights the very real threats of deadly violence that LGBTQ individuals face every day. We encourage everyone to maintain vigilance, and follow recommended safety tips, particularly when using dating apps. Always meet a potential date in public, use your own vehicle or make use of a ride-sharing app (like Uber or Lyft), tell a friend or loved one that you are planning to meet a date and share that person's name and contact information. Make sure to save contact details in screenshots to capture the person's name and chat details, should you ever find yourself a victim of a crime. Keep your dating profile and picture free from identifying personal information like your home address, said Alanna Maguire, FMJP President.

"Fair Michigan would like to thank the Detroit Police Department and the Dearborn Police Department for their investigative work on this case. We hope to bring justice for Howard Brisendine."

He was arraigned and remanded to jail this morning in 36th District Court. The Probable Cause Conference is scheduled for October 15, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., before Judge Aaliyah Sabree. The Preliminary Examination date is scheduled for October 22, 2024, however, the date may change. Please request a photograph of the defendant from the Detroit Police Department.

Fair Michigan Justice Project (FMJP) is a program that assists Michigan law enforcement officers and prosecutors in solving serious crimes against lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgender persons.

*The charges are allegations and defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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