



Town of Wallkill Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release
November 2, 2022

Incident: One Arrest – Murder
Location: Town of Wallkill Police Department, 99 Tower Drive, Middletown, N.Y.
Date/Time: November 1, 2022 / 9:38 pm

On Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at approximately 9:38 pm, Town of Wallkill Detective Dane Wakefield, arrested Damante Troy Stansberry, a 23 year old, City of Middletown, NY resident. The defendant was arrested after an investigation disclosed that on October 30, 2022, the suspect stabbed Jeffrey Harris, at the Harris residence, 33 Brookline Avenue, resulting in the victim's death. The defendant was charged with Murder Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon Fourth Degree.

The defendant was arraigned by Judge Peter Green and remanded to Orange County Jail without bail, until his next court appearance on November 7, 2022 at 2:23 pm in the Town of Wallkill Court.

The investigation into this case is ongoing and the Town of Wallkill Police Department is being assisted by the New York State Police, FBI Safe Streets Task Force, Orange County District Attorney's Office, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orange County Medical Examiner, and the Hudson Valley Crime Analysis Center.

A criminal charge is merely an allegation by the police that a defendant has committed a violation of the criminal law, and it is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the State of New York's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Robert C. Hertman
Chief of Police

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