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**18-YEAR-OLD WHO SHOT AND KILLED 17-YEAR IN BROCKTON ARRAIGNED
ON MURDER, GUN CHARGES**

BROCKTON – An 18-year-old man has pleaded not guilty to charges that he shot and killed a 17-year-old male, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Today, Tyree St. Cloud, 18, pleaded not guilty in Brockton District Court to one count each of Murder, Carrying a Loaded Firearm Without a License, Discharging a Firearm within 500 ft of a building, and Possession of Ammunition without an FID card. He was held without bail at the request of the Commonwealth.

Just before 8 p.m. last night, Brockton Police were alerted by Shotspotter to 14 rounds being fired in the area of Commercial Street. Officers responded to the Brockton Area Transit (BAT) Terminal, and located a male suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported to Brockton Hospital where he was pronounced deceased at 8:46 p.m. He has been identified as 17-year-old Jeffry Damestoire.

Brockton Police contacted the State Police Detective Unit within the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, and an investigation commenced.

In the vicinity of the shooting, officers were alerted by witnesses that the suspect was wearing all black and had fled toward Stillman Avenue. Police located the suspect and he was apprehended in the rear of 41 Otis Street. He was given his Miranda rights and identified as St. Cloud. St. Cloud told police that he dropped the firearm, a black Glock 30, behind an apartment on Stillman Avenue and it was located by investigators. Through interviews and a review of video surveillance, it appears that a physical altercation occurred between Damestoire and St. Cloud prior to St. Cloud drawing his firearm.

St. Cloud is next scheduled to appear in court on April 13th.

The investigation is being conducted by Massachusetts State Police and Brockton Police.

