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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

5:00 p.m. Friday, June 17, 2022

On Memorial Day, May 30th, 2022, Officers from the City of Oneonta Police Department (OPD) and EMS providers from the Oneonta Fire Department responded to the report of a stabbing in an alleyway behind 189 Main Street in the City of Oneonta. Upon arrival, Officers located a City of Oneonta resident named Kaleb O'Neill. Despite attempted lifesaving measures by first responders and emergency medical personnel at A.O. Fox Hospital, O'Neill died from his injuries.

Responding Officers notified units from the New York State Police and Otsego County Sheriff's Department and a multi-agency response was initiated. Within the hour, the OPD was supported by New York State Police K9, Forensic Identification Unit members, and a New York State Police aerial drone operator.

Despite search efforts on scene, law enforcement was unable to locate a suspect(s).

By the following morning, members of New York State Police Oneonta Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Major Crimes Unit, Computer Crimes Unit, and Forensic Identification Unit were assisting the OPD in the criminal investigation. To date, over 160 leads have been generated and by June 16th, 2022 the suspects in this case had been identified and were ultimately taken into custody.

Agencies assisting OPD during this investigation were the New York State Police, Otsego County Sheriff's Office, Otsego County District Attorney's Office, and Sidney Police Department.

Arrested in the commission of murder in the second degree are brothers, 31-year-old Terry DeCutler of Sidney, NY and 34-year-old Nicholas DeCutler of Unadilla, NY.

Both men were arraigned in City of Oneonta Court by the Honorable Judge Robert Gouldin and remanded to the custody of the Otsego County Sheriff. This case is pending court action and the arrested parties have been issued a return court date of Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022.

The charge of murder in the second degree is a class A-I violent felony and is punishable by a maximum sentence of life without parole.

While arrests have been made in this case, it remains under investigation and no additional information will be released at this time.

Anyone with additional information on this investigation is asked to contact the Oneonta Police Department Detectives Division at (607) 432-1111.