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### **Thursday's Everett Stabbing Now Considered Homicide**

**EVERETT** – Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone and Everett Police Chief Steve Mazzie informed the public today that Thursday's stabbing in Everett is now considered a homicide.

The victim, Sean Mooney, 37, of Revere, was pronounced dead today at Boston Medical Center.

Jeffrey Raphael, 18, of Everett, was arrested in connection with the incident and arraigned yesterday, August 1, in Malden District Court, on a charge of armed assault with intent to murder. He was ordered held pending a dangerousness hearing scheduled for Tuesday, August 5.

"We have one defendant in custody in connection with this incident and we intend to take the necessary steps to upgrade his charge to reflect the homicide," District Attorney Leone said.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the victim's family," Chief Mazzie said. "I want to commend the work of our officers, as well as the Massachusetts State Police and Transit Police, for apprehending this suspect so quickly after the stabbing."

According to authorities, Everett Police responded to a 911 call at approximately 5:05 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, on reports of a man who had been stabbed in the neck. Police arrived at the corner of Ferry Street and Blanchard Avenue to find the victim, Mooney, suffering from a stab wound to the neck.

Mooney was transported to Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett where he was treated for his injuries.

Everett Police and Massachusetts State Police commenced an investigation into the circumstances of the stabbing. Based on that investigation, they began a city-wide search for the suspect. A canine unit from the Massachusetts Transit Police also joined the search. At approximately 6:00 p.m., authorities apprehended Raphael inside 11 Foster Street in Everett. He was placed under arrest at that time.

Mooney was later transferred to Boston Medical Center for further treatment. He was pronounced dead this morning. An autopsy is still pending.

These charges are allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The prosecutor assigned to the case is Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Keeley. The case is being investigated by Everett Police and the Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office.

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