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## **Arraignment for Alleged Fatal Albany Stabbing**



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that LAHQUANN GRADY, 21, of Albany, was arraigned before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Supreme Court this morning for his role in an alleged fatal stabbing that took place on July 5, 2018.

GRADY was previously indicted by a Grand Jury on (2) Counts of Murder in the Second Degree, Class A-I Felonies, (1) Count of Burglary in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony, (1) Count Contempt in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, (1) Count of Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, and (1) Count of Petit Larceny, a Class A Misdemeanor.

The indictment alleges that on July 5, 2018, GRADY allegedly knowingly and unlawfully entered 297 Orange Street in the City of Albany with the intent to commit a crime therein, a residence which he was previously barred from entering by directive of an active Order of Protection. While inside, GRADY allegedly caused the death of Rashaun Byrd. In addition, the indictment also alleges that on a previous date of June 5, 2018, GRADY allegedly damaged the door at the same residence and stole a cell phone from a separate victim.

GRADY pleaded not guilty to the charges today and remains in custody at the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail. No new court appearances have been scheduled at this time. GRADY is represented by the Albany County Public Defender's Office.

Assistant District Attorney Jennifer McCanney and Special Victims Unit Bureau Chief Shannon Sarfoh are prosecuting this case.

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until proven guilty.***