

Boston PD

262020636 - Offense Modifying Supplement - 2 Report

REPORTED ON DATE / TIME Mar 19, 2026 07:29 EDT	OCCURRED FROM DATE / TIME - OCCURRED TO DATE / TIME Mar 11, 2026 21:58 EDT	REPORTING OFFICER KEVIN PLUNKETT #116899
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SUPPLEMENT TYPE
Complaint/Warrant

NARRATIVE

As a result of an on-going investigation by members of the Boston Police Homicide Unit, Squad 2 Nights, the Boston Police Firearm Discharge Team (FDIT), and the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office into the Homicide of Stephenson King (DOB: 01/14/87), through physical evidence and numerous witness interviews, investigators have determined there is probable cause to believe that Nicholas O'Malley committed the crime of Voluntary Manslaughter, G.L.C.265, Sec 13, specifically, that he; 1) committed an act intended or likely to cause death, 2) did cause Stephenson King's death, and 3) was not acting in proper self-defense or defense of another.

On March 11, 2026, at approximately 9:43 PM, BPD officers responded to 1590 Tremont Street for a report of a carjacking. Officers received information from the female victim that while she was seated in the passenger's seat of her running vehicle, she was assaulted and ordered her out of the vehicle by an unknown male.

The aforementioned information was broadcast to Boston Police officers, including the registration of the vehicle.

A short time later, Boston Police Officers Nicholas O Malley and Todd Ho observed the victim's vehicle parked at 10 Linwood Square in Roxbury, nose into the sidewalk. They stopped their cruiser behind the vehicle and as they approached the vehicle, captured on both of their Body Worn Cameras (BWC), they observed King, seated in the reclined driver's seat of the running vehicle.

As captured on their BWC's as well as partial witness statements, both officers, firearms drawn, began to yell commands to King such as; show me your hands, shut off the vehicle and unlock the vehicle. King did show the officers his hands at times, did partially open his driver's window, but did not shut off the vehicle or unlock the doors.

Officer O'Malley, outside the driver's window and while holstering his firearm in favor of a Taser, shouted to King: "Bro, I'm gonna fucking shoot you." Immediately after that statement, King put the car in reverse and backed into the cruiser behind him. King then maneuvered his vehicle forward, reverse, and forward again, in an attempt to escape the police. At the moment King's vehicle began to move forward the last time, PO O'Malley again drew his firearm and fired three shots at King through the driver's window.

After Officer O'Malley discharged his firearm, King accelerated and drove down the street, only to crash into a stone wall at the bottom of the street. Officers O'Malley and Ho ran to the vehicle where they located King unresponsive. The officers requested Boston Emergency Medical Services (EMS) respond to the scene. EMS transported King to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased at 10:24 PM.

An autopsy was performed on King on March 13, 2026, where it was determined King had been struck by three (3) projectiles, two of which were recovered from his torso. Investigators found a third projectile in the passenger's area of the carjacking victim's vehicle. There were no weapons recovered from that vehicle or King's person.

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After his discharge, Officer O'Malley did broadcast that the officers were involved in a discharge, and that the suspect "tried to run us over". Based upon BWC footage and the interviews of the officers, regardless of their perception, that statement was not factually true.

During his interview with the FDIT, Officer O'Malley stated that he fired his weapon because he thought Officer Ho was going to be crushed by the suspect's vehicle. Again, although that was his stated perception, BWC footage revealed that such a belief was unreasonable, and that neither officer was in danger of being struck by the vehicle at the time of Officer O'Malley's discharge. An eyewitness who observed the incident stated that neither officer was in the path of the vehicle as it drove away.

Although the law allows police officers to use deadly force when reasonably necessary, G.L. c. 6E sec 14(d) provides; "A law enforcement officer shall not discharge any firearm into or at a fleeing motor vehicle unless, based on the totality of the circumstances, such discharge is necessary to prevent imminent harm to a person and the discharge is proportionate to the threat of imminent harm to a person."

Nicholas O'Malley is to be charged in Roxbury District Court with Voluntary Manslaughter.

OFFENSE MODIFICATIONS

Added **Nicholas O'Malley** to **Stephenson McNeil King** as a(n) Relationship Unknown

Added **Stephenson McNeil King** to **Known to the Commonwealth** as a(n) Relationship Unknown

Added **Nicholas O'Malley** to **Known to the Commonwealth** as a(n) Relationship Unknown

Added Attributes To **Offense: MANSLAUGHTER - NEGLIGENCE**

GANG INFORMATION

None/Unknown

Added Attributes To **Offense: MANSLAUGHTER - NEGLIGENCE**

WEAPON OR FORCE INVOLVED

Handgun

Changed **Offense: MANSLAUGHTER - NEGLIGENCE**

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

No

SUSPECTED DRUG USE

No

SUSPECTED COMPUTER/ HANDHELD DEVICE USE

No

OFFENSE COMPLETION

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