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## **Press Release**

### **DNA Leads to Arrest in 2011 Camden Cold Case Homicide**

*Camden, NJ* – A Camden man has been arrested and charged for a 2011 fatal stabbing after DNA linked him to the crime, reported Camden County Prosecutor Grace C. MacAulay and Camden County Police Chief Gabriel Rodriguez.

Kenyar Hill, 46, appeared in Superior Court on July 2, 2025, and was ordered to remain detained at the Camden County Correctional Facility, pending trial. He was charged with first-degree Murder on June 26, 2025.

On October 11, 2011, at approximately 9:58 p.m., officers from the Camden City Police Department were dispatched to an abandoned house on the 500 block of Mechanic Street in Camden for a reported stabbing. First responders entered the building and found the victim, Brian Holden, 42, of Camden, lying in the front room. Holden, who had sustained multiple stab wounds, was transported to Cooper University Hospital, where he was ultimately pronounced deceased.

During the investigation, detectives interviewed the victim's girlfriend. She stated earlier that evening, she met with the suspect and agreed to have sexual intercourse with him for money. After the encounter, the woman advised that she argued with the suspect and he took his money back. She further explained that she yelled for Holden and he confronted the suspect. The suspect then stabbed Holden multiple times during the altercation.

The victim's girlfriend was transported to a hospital and potential DNA evidence was collected during a sexual assault forensic examination. That evidence was later submitted to the New Jersey State Police laboratory. However, no results from the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) were received at that time.

In 2022, the laboratory notified police that CODIS results identified Hill as a "high stringency match" for the DNA profile generated. These results required further confirmation.

In 2023, detectives collected a buccal swab from Hill, and submitted it to the laboratory for testing in conjunction with swabs from the sexual assault forensic examination. The laboratory later reported that

Hill was identified the source of the major STR DNA profile obtained from the swabs collected during the sexual assault forensic examination.

After receiving the DNA results, detectives continued to follow up on the investigation, including locating witnesses from more than a decade ago. Ultimately, after years of investigative effort, Kenyar Hill was charged for the death of Brian Holden.

Hill was arrested on June 27, 2025, in Camden by the U.S. Marshal Service New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force – Camden Division. He was remanded to the Camden County Correctional Facility.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Sergeant Kevin Courtney of the Camden County Prosecutor's Office at (856) 225-8632. Tips may also be sent to CAMDEN.TIPS.

All individuals charged with crimes are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.



Kenyar Hill

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