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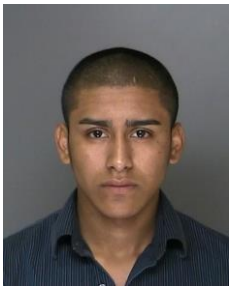
Teen indicted for fatal Brentwood stabbing

A Central Islip teenager pleaded not guilty today at his arraignment on an indictment charging him with the murder of a man whose body was found last month in a wooded lot in Brentwood.

Mario D. Cruz, 17, is alleged to have stabbed 24 year old Omar DeJesus Perez Sanchez to death during an argument on Mayflower Avenue on March 21. The victim's body was discovered in the lot by passersby the next day.

The evidence in the case indicates Cruz stabbed Sanchez several times in the chest, back and head.

Judge Gary Weber remanded Cruz to jail without bail.



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Defendants are entitled to a fair trial with the burden on the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.