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T officials: Allston man displayed knife aboard B line trolley near BU; riders fled

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A 53-year-old Allston man was arrested last night after he brandished a knife aboard a crowded MBTA trolley along the Green Line's B branch causing some fellow passengers to exit at the next stop along Boston University's campus, authorities said.

At about 6:45 p.m., BU police arrested Ronald McNally, Jr., on a sidewalk in the area of Commonwealth Avenue and St. Paul Street, an MBTA spokesman said in an e-mail confirming the news reported earlier by [blog Universal Hub](#).

Witnesses identified McNally as the man who had allegedly displayed a knife on the outbound trolley causing some passengers to exit at the next stop, Boston University Central, according to MBTA officials.

No fight or injuries were reported to have happened aboard the trolley, the T spokesman said.

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The spokesman said in an e-mail that the police report said the man may have been intoxicated.

"While gathering McNally's information, there was a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from his person," the report said, according to the T spokesman's e-mail. "I also observed McNally's eyes to be glassy and bloodshot. I was advised by a BU Police Officer that a witness of the incident flagged him down and wanted to make himself known. The second witness stated he was standing next to McNally on a crowded train. He observed McNally swaying back and forth, possibly under the influence of alcohol."

A not-guilty plea was entered on McNally's behalf at his arraignment in Brighton District Court today. Judge David T. Donnelly ordered that McNally be held on \$1,500 cash bail and that he stay off the MBTA and remain alcohol-free while the his case is open, according to Jake Wark, spokesman for the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

He is scheduled to appear in court again on April 6, the prosecution spokesman said.

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