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Kenneth Soto, 19, of Jamaica Plain, was allegedly stabbed to death outside a 7-11 convenience store at 451 Centre Street in the neighborhood's Hyde Square area.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A second arrest has been made in connection with death of a teenager found stabbed to death in October outside of a Jamaica Plain convenience store, authorities said.

Chris Rivera, 23, of Roxbury, was arrested by the Boston Police Department Fugitive Unit at 1587 Hyde Park Ave. in Hyde Park on Tuesday afternoon on charges of “accessory after the fact” and assault and battery.”

Those charges were made in an arrest warrant filed at West Roxbury District Court in connection with the stabbing murder of 19-year-old Kenneth Soto of Jamaica Plain, officials said.

Rivera was arraigned at that court Wednesday and ordered held on \$25,000 cash bail, Jake Wark, a spokesman for the Suffolk County District Attorney's office said.

On Monday evening, Hector “Nemo” Soto, 20, of Roslindale, was arrested at the intersection of Washington Street and Firth Road in Roslindale, according to police.

Soto was charged with murder during an arraignment at West Roxbury District Court Tuesday and ordered held without bail, the Suffolk County District Attorney's office said in a statement earlier this week.

Boston Police say that despite having the same last name, the alleged victim and the man accused of murder are not related. But, investigators believe that both Kenneth Soto and Hector Soto knew each other, officials said.

On Oct. 16 at about 4:22 a.m., Kenneth Soto was found by police lying on the sidewalk outside the 7-Eleven convenience store at 451 Centre St. in the Hyde Square area of Jamaica Plain. Suffering from multiple stab wounds, he was taken to Brigham and Women's Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

“The victim and [Hector Soto] arrived with separate groups in separate vehicles

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at the parking lot of a 7-11 on Centre Street prior to the early-morning altercation,” according to the statement from prosecutors. “Kenneth Soto, who had been out with friends, entered the store.

“When Kenneth Soto exited the store, investigators believe, Hector Soto approached him and a physical altercation ensued,” the statement continued. “Hector Soto allegedly stabbed Kenneth Soto during that altercation.”

Hector Soto and Rivera each had not guilty pleas entered on their behalf during their arraignments this week and each are scheduled to appear again in court on April 6, officials said.

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