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District Attorney Matthew Van Houten announced today that Bruce R. Mead, II, 30, of Ithaca, has been indicted by the Tompkins County Grand Jury in a two-count indictment charging him with Murder in the Second Degree and Manslaughter in the Second Degree.

Mead is charged with the stabbing death of his 37-year-old brother, Zacharias Moore, on December 19, 2022, at the Cayuga Gardens Apartments in the City of Ithaca. Mead was taken into custody on December 19, 2022 and is currently serving a prison sentence in connection with an unrelated 2022 conviction for Criminal Possession of a Weapon.

The Ithaca Police Department and New York State Forensic Identification Unit conducted the investigation.

The maximum sentence available for Murder in the Second Degree is twenty-five years to life.

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NOTE: An indictment, like any criminal charge, is solely an accusation. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.