

# Brothers' family haunted by hit and run

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Path Sithamparanathan came from Toronto to see the face of the 21- year-old man who is charged with killing his two nephews on a Waterloo street last month.

Yesterday, Paul Jeyarajah Alexander of Toronto was remanded in custody until Nov. 21 after making a brief appearance in a Kitchener courtroom.

"Now we have a face," Sithamparanathan said after Alexander's court appearance. "It is not going to make much of a difference. But we know who he is."

The tall, clean-cut man stood with his head bowed as the charges against him were read out in court.

Alexander faces two counts of second-degree murder in the hit- and-run deaths of Chandrasekar Nagulasigamany, 21, a University of Waterloo student, and his brother, Soumiyan Nagulasigamany, 19, of Scarborough.

The brothers died Sept. 23 on Dearborn Place in Waterloo following a dispute at a nearby nightclub.

Alexander has also been charged with two counts of attempted murder in connection with two other men who were struck by a sports utility vehicle in the same incident.

One victim, Arikaran Kunaratham, a 20-year-old UW student, has recovered from his injuries. The other victim, Sutharson Sriskandarajah, 20 of Waterloo, didn't require medical treatment.

Sithamparanathan said the family can't understand how peace- loving brothers could have died so tragically.

"That is what haunts us because they never were involved in any trouble," the uncle said.

"We want some firm answers as to what happened that night," he said.

The uncle said the brothers' deaths have devastated the family. "It is very hard to look into my sister's eyes," Sithamparanathan said, referring to the mother of the two dead brothers.

Alexander's lawyer, Leora Shemesh of Toronto, asked the court for a three-week adjournment "as we need some time"

to prepare for an "involved" bail hearing in Superior Court. A date for a hearing to determine whether Alexander will be released pending his trial could be set Nov. 21 when he makes his next court appearance by video.

In an interview after court, Shemesh said her client will be pleading not guilty.

Chandrasekar Nagulasigamany had earlier been a victim of crime, and died before he received restitution.

On April 24 of this year, an apartment he shared with other university students on Beverley Street in Waterloo was broken into and ransacked.

Waterloo regional police believe the incident may have been related to an earlier fight at Bingeman's in Kitchener, where the University of Waterloo's Tamil Association held their formal dance, said Brad Dempster, a Kitchener lawyer who represented one of six men charged with breaking and entering and mischief in connection with the break-in.

Police were called to disperse the fight at Bingeman's, Dempster said.

Chandrasekar Nagulasigamany was a dance organizer, but not a participant in the fight, the lawyer said.

Later that night, six men allegedly broke into the apartment. No one was home.

The front door was kicked in, mirrors were broken, a toilet smashed, dishes and bottles were broken and three computers were knocked off their desks, the lawyer said.

Dempster said the charges against his client, a 25-year-old Waterloo man, were dealt with by adult diversion, which means the man won't have a criminal record.

Instead, he said his client paid Nagulasigamany \$548.05, his share of the damage caused to the apartment.

Nagulasigamany died before he received the money. The cheque went to his parents, the lawyer said.

Dempster said he doesn't believe there is a connection between the break-in and the hit-and-run.

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