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Two teens charged with murder of Oakville man

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Police have charged two teens in connection with Halton's third murder this month.

Just after 11 p.m. Saturday night, police and paramedics rushed to Kerr and John Sts. in Oakville after reports that a fight had broken out. They arrived to find Christopher Stairs, 31, lying in the middle of the intersection, badly wounded. He had been stabbed.

Stairs was taken to Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

Halton police have arrested and charged Nazir Akbari, 18, with second-degree murder.

Angar Langer, 18, of Oakville, has been charged with accessory after the fact to murder.

"There's nothing to suggest the victim was known to either accused," said Sgt. Dave Cross.

Reached at their home Monday afternoon, a woman who said she is one of Akbari's sisters called the past two days "extremely difficult."

"He is a very good boy. And the whole neighbourhood knows him and everybody in the neighbourhood is shocked," she said, adding.

"He's not the kind of person who would ever do this."

A woman who identified herself as Langer's sister said her brother is "a good person."

"All I know is wrong place, wrong time," she said, adding that she had nothing more to say at this time.

This is the third murder of 2011 for the normally peaceful Halton region – which includes the city of Halton Hills, Milton, Oakville and Burlington. There was only one homicide per year in 2008, 2009 and 2010. Before this year, the region had only had four homicides since 2005.

"There's no identified reason I can point to for the three separate incidents (this month)," said Cross.

The first homicide in 2011 occurred on Jan. 6, when 49-year-old Rick MacLeod was killed in an Acton apartment after a fight.

Eddie McGuin, 47, also from Acton, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Paramedics said the two men knew each other.

Just two days later, 22-year-old Devon Isnor was stabbed to death in Milton during a house party.

His friends said they heard "loud screaming" from the upstairs kitchen of Isnor's home and rushed in to find him bleeding. He was later pronounced dead in hospital.

Isnor's older brother, 25-year-old Jordan Isnor, is charged with second-degree murder.



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