

# Staten Island high school student shot in head dies from injuries, sources say; his brother charged



Steven Estevez of Stapleton is shown in an online tribute.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — A Staten Island teen who was [shot in the head inside of a Stapleton apartment](#) last week has succumbed to his injuries, according to multiple law-enforcement sources.

One source said that the child was taken off of life support this week.

Multiple sources identified Steven Estevez as the 15-year-old who lost his life in the incident. Sources previously identified Estevez as a Ralph R. McKee High School student

who was a member of the McKee-Staten Island Technical High School junior varsity football team.

The boy's brother, David, 17, was arrested on Friday in the incident.

He has been charged with felony counts of criminal possession of a loaded firearm and assault, and a misdemeanor count of criminal possession of a weapon.

It was not immediately clear if he would face elevated charges now that his brother has died.

Estevez was arraigned on Saturday in Criminal Court in St. George, where he entered a plea of not guilty.

His next court appearance is scheduled for March 6.

"The Legal Aid Society was just assigned as counsel to represent David Estevez, a 17-year-old teenager, on this incredibly tragic case," said the organization when reached for comment. "Out of respect for our client, his family and community, we ask the public to refrain from drawing hasty conclusions and to respect the family's privacy during this extraordinarily difficult time of mourning. We will have more to say about this case in the coming days, weeks and months after a thorough review and investigation."

The defendant has been remanded without bail, according to

public records.

Police said the investigation is ongoing.

## **SHOOTING INCIDENT**

On Thursday, Feb. 16, just before midnight, police responded to a call of a male shot inside of an apartment located on Thompson Street, according to a spokesperson from the NYPD's Deputy Commissioner of Public Information.

Upon arrival, police observed the wounded boy.

He was transported by ambulance in critical condition to Richmond University Medical Center, West Brighton, the spokesperson said.

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