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Long trail of violence preceded fatal trip for Sudbury couple

Man twice threatened parents, files say

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Jane Young retired in January after many years as a teacher at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

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SUDBURY — Jane Young stood in the lobby of the Sudbury police station, tears streaming down her cheeks, in the summer of 2008. She told officers, according to a police report, that she had just had a heated confrontation with her son, Mikhail, and was afraid of what he might do to her.

Two days earlier, Mikhail, then a teenager, had pushed his father, Kenneth, to the ground after an argument, court records show.

Mikhail was persuaded to go to Emerson Hospital for a psychiatric evaluation. During the ride, he reportedly told an officer, “Those people are not my parents. If I go back there, I’ll kill them. I’ll do it.”



Now, seven years later, 24-year-old Mikhail Brian Young stands accused of stabbing his parents to death during a trip to St. Thomas. He was arraigned Tuesday in Framingham District Court.

Court documents show Young, who had been diagnosed with bipolar disorder, has a lengthy history of violence, having assaulted his parents, sister, and a police officer. He threatened to kill his parents twice. The Youngs had filed at least five restraining orders against him.

Authorities hope to extradite suspect

Because St. Thomas is a US territory, its criminal justice system is very similar to those in the rest of the country.

Warrant in Virgin Islands case Man allegedly murdered parents

State child welfare authorities were alerted after the 2008 episode, but a social worker with the Department of Children and Families determined that “Mikhail was not a danger to himself and would not take him into their protection,” according to a police report.

DCF spokeswoman Rhonda Mann declined to comment about the agency’s contact with the Young family, pointing to the ongoing criminal investigation.

Over the years, Sudbury police were summoned to the Young residence more than a dozen times, Police Chief Scott Nix said, adding that he was not shocked by the newest allegations.

Those accusations emerged a week after the Young family checked into a rental vacation home at the Crystal Cove Beach Resort on St. Thomas for a vacation April 28, Virgin Islands Police Commissioner Delroy Richards Sr. said.

A longtime staff member at the complex said the family celebrated Kenneth Young's 73d birthday Friday with a cake. The staff member, who asked not to be identified because she is a witness in the case, said she did not see the family fighting or arguing, but she described Mikhail Young as behaving strangely.

"From day one, I said, 'That boy has a problem,' " she said, describing how Mikhail Young would remain at the unit, shooing away staff members assigned to clean the apartment, while his parents were out shopping.

"He was very quiet, very low key, very private," she said. "He would stay in the room or stay outside by himself. Something didn't seem right."

At 2:28 p.m. Monday, a maid spotted water running under a door at an apartment at the resort. She entered the unit, discovered the bloodied body of Kenneth Young on a bathroom floor, and ran for help, according to Terri Griffiths, acting attorney general in the US Virgin Island's Department of Justice.

Police who responded saw water coming from another bathroom and found Jane Young, 66, in the tub with a knife in the left side of her chest, according to an affidavit filed in the Virgin Islands Superior Court.

Both bodies had multiple stab wounds, Griffiths said.

Authorities said they recovered camera footage showing Mikhail Young entering the unit Saturday, followed by his parents. The footage shows him leaving alone, Griffiths said. He is the sole suspect in the case, Griffiths said.

Griffiths said authorities believe the Youngs were killed between 11 a.m. and noon Saturday.

St. Thomas authorities said they learned that Mikhail Young had asked staff members to call a cab to take him to the airport, and that he flew to Boston via Philadelphia about 3 p.m.

Wanda Miller, a family friend, picked Young up from the airport at 1 a.m. Sunday, according to a warrant filed for his arrest.

He told Miller that "something went wrong in the Virgin Islands and his parents were not coming back, he needed help, and he forgot his medication down there," according to the arrest document.



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Mikhail Young at his arraignment on murder charges in Framingham District Court on Tuesday.

He told Miller he had hurt someone but did not specify.

Miller did not return calls seeking comment, but her son told the Globe Wednesday that Mikhail Young was typically “kind and friendly” but was clearly not on medication when he returned to Massachusetts.

“When we were walking home, I could tell . . . his body language was not right,” said the man, who only identified himself as Miller’s son. “He was jittery.”

Police located Young in Sudbury, where they arrested him for allegedly violating the terms of his probation stemming from a previous indecent exposure charge, according to the office of Middlesex District Attorney Marian T. Ryan.

Young has been arraigned on a fugitive from justice charge that stemmed from a murder warrant issued in St. Thomas.

Police found scratches and small cuts on his hands, records show.

Neighbors said Jane and Kenneth Young, who reportedly had adopted Mikhail Young and his sister from an orphanage in Russia, had gone to the resort following Jane Young’s January retirement from Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

Court records show Young suffered from mental health issues and substance abuse for years.

His father told authorities in an affidavit seeking a restraining order in 2011 that Young did not take his medication “which he [needed],” and had been hospitalized three times as a child for mental health issues. Young had trouble keeping a job and had dropped out of high school, Kenneth Young wrote.

The father filed that restraining order after his son threatened to kill him, records show. Mikhail Young had come home drunk and grew upset after he told the family to eat Chinese food he had brought home. Court records show he kicked an officer in the shin during his arrest that night and threatened to kill him as well.

Young has been charged multiple times since 2008 for assaulting his family and even his sister’s pet bird. According to court documents, he threw the bird down a flight of stairs in 2010 because he said it was too loud. He then pushed his sister several times.

In another incident, in 2008, Young left a 3-inch-long mark on his mother’s arm after an argument over a text message his girlfriend had sent his mother, according to a police report.

The cases were dismissed in most instances after his parents decided not to pursue charges.

As part of the agreements to dismiss the cases, Young agreed to paint the family’s dining room and to build a wooden box to bury his sister’s guinea pig.

Young was found guilty on a 2012 disorderly conduct charge and admitted to sufficient facts for an indecent exposure offense. The case was disposed in 2014, and he was sentenced to two years' probation.

Young had checked into the High Point Treatment Center in Brockton to address alcohol and drug abuse, court records show.

The family attended therapy sessions together. Mikhail's biological mother died of alcoholism, Kenneth Young wrote to the courts.

Kenneth Young's family issued a statement Wednesday.

"We are heartbroken by the loss of our brother and his wonderful wife, Jane," the family said. "Ken and Jane had big hearts, and they dedicated their lives to helping others."

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