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Suspect arrested in NYC subway push that killed man

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USPA News - A man has been arrested in New York City after a two-day-long manhunt to find the person who killed a 61-year-old man by pushing him in front of an incoming subway train, police said on Tuesday. The motive for the brutal murder remained unknown.

Kevin Darden, 34, was arrested near his mother's home in the Bronx on Tuesday afternoon, a police spokesman said. No other details were immediately released. The homicide occurred at the 167th Street and Grand Concourse station at about 8:44 a.m. local time on Tuesday when 61-year-old Wai Kuen Kwok, of the Bronx, was pushed onto the tracks in front of an incoming "D" line train. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene after having suffered severe body trauma. Police released surveillance video of a "person of interest" after the murder, which led to Darden's arrest on Tuesday. He was also being sought in connection with an assault at another subway station earlier earlier this month, when a 51-year-old man was pushed to the ground, causing injuries to the victim's hand and back. Sunday's murder had echoes of another shocking incident in New York City nearly 16 years ago. On January 3, 1999, journalist and photographer Kendra Webdale, 32, was killed when a schizophrenic man, Andrew Goldstein, pushed her in front of an oncoming train at the 23rd Street station in Manhattan. A similar murder happened in December 2012. The 1999 murder shocked many New Yorkers and led to Kendra's Law which provides state judges the authority to order those with a serious mental illness to undergo psychiatric treatment. The law allows people who fail to comply with the order to be taken into involuntary commitment for up to 72 hours.

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