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Teen to be tried as adult

Slaying occurred in Cinco Ranch area

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A Katy-area teenager accused of the Dec. 27 death of one man and the stabbing of two others can be tried as an adult, ruled a Fort Bend County judge on Tuesday.

Miguel Navarro, 16, allegedly killed 20-year-old Matthew Todd Haltom of Katy in the early morning hours during a party on the 2000 block of Sadlehorn Trail.

Sheriff's office investigators said around 60 people were having a bonfire at the house to celebrate the winter break from school, when some "uninvited people" showed up and were asked to leave. Navarro was part of that group.

The group refused to leave, a fight occurred and then the boy reportedly displayed a knife and stabbed three people, investigators said. Haltom, a college student, lived at the residence.

Navarro could now face a first-degree felony charge of murder, which can be punishable by up to life in prison, and two charges of aggravated assault.

District Attorney John Healey said his office must first take the allegations before a grand jury, which would decide if there is enough evidence for the defendant to face the charges in a district court.

Assistant District Attorney Tyra McCollum argued the case before Fort Bend County Court-at-Law No. 2 Judge Walter S. McMeans.