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## Press Release

### Guilty Verdicts in 2013 Dragging Death

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A Norwood man was convicted Tuesday of running over a Wrentham hotel employee in 2013, dragging her body more than 3 miles up Rte. 1, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Moses Acloque, 25, was found guilty following a 5-day jury-waived trial in front of Norfolk Superior Court Judge Gregg J. Pasquale. He was convicted of Leaving the Scene of a Collision Causing Death, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 1 year, Motor Vehicle Homicide, which carries a mandatory 15-year loss of license, Larceny of Property Valued at Under \$250 and Use of a Motor Vehicle without Authority.

The incident began with a confrontation in the parking lot of the Arbor Inn on Rte. 1 in Wrentham, Mass., where Acloque had apparently been squatting in a vacant room at the inn. When confronted by inn management, Acloque climbed in a truck and tried to flee – striking 58-year-old Kanchanben Patel. Patel became stuck under the vehicle, which Acloque proceeded to drive up Rte. 1 into Foxboro, pulling into the parking lot behind a restaurant just south of Gillette stadium, DA Morrissey said.

Behind the restaurant, Acloque put the truck in reverse until the victim's body was dislodged. He then attempted to flee the scene. A driver who had been following Acloque during the incident notified State Police and troopers arrested him in the vicinity.

"This was a shocking crime," District Attorney Morrissey said. "The victim was run over standing next to her husband of 40-years. A terrible way for her to die and a terrible thing for him to witness."

Acloque was acquitted of a single count of Leaving the Scene of a Collision Causing Personal Injury for allegedly striking another person while recklessly fleeing the parking lot of the inn.

The matter was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Greg Connor working with Victim/Witness Advocate Steve Nelson. "ADA Connor and Steve Nelson did strong work with the evidence and the witnesses in this case," District Attorney Morrissey said. "This involved two primary crime scenes, three miles of secondary crime scene, numerous witnesses and a clearly emotional situation for the witnesses. The result of their work is convictions on multiple counts."

Sentencing will be before Judge Pasquale on March 14, 2017, Morrissey said.