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## Press Release

### **Dorchester man sentenced to life in Stoughton domestic violence murder**

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A Dorchester man today (May 16, 2022) entered a plea of guilty to second-degree murder in the stabbing of his former wife, Anita Clark, 46, in her Stoughton home nine years ago.

After hearing impact statements from Clark's family, including her father and sisters, Norfolk Superior Court Judge Beverly Cannone sentenced Willie Foster, 56, to life in prison. He will be eligible for parole after serving 15 years of his sentence.

On Saturday, May 4, 2013, Stoughton police were dispatched to Anita Clark's Glen Echo Blvd home for a well-being check. Police found indications of a struggle in a bedroom area. Probing further into that room, Anita Clark was found deceased in the closet of that room.

Stoughton and Massachusetts State Police detectives assigned to the District Attorney's Office were able to develop probable cause for a warrant for Foster during the day on Sunday, and his likeness was released to the press at 5 p.m. Sunday. He was arrested by Boston Police Monday morning, after Foster was spotted by a motorist.

Foster was arrested barely 36 hours after the murder was discovered. But over the repeated objections of prosecutors, he had still not been tried for the crime nine years later.

"The family expressed that the repeated postponements in this case were manifestly unfair to them, and I cannot disagree," District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said. Foster was represented by his fifth attorney at Monday's 3 p.m. hearing. Past judges over several years allowed Foster to fire his attorneys after trial dates had been set, then allowed new attorneys the substantial time necessary to prepare the case anew.

"At sentencing today, Judge Cannone heard moving statements from two of Anita's sisters, her father, and a close friend," District Attorney Morrissey said. "They gave the court a picture of a loving, decent woman who deserved a rich, full life with her son and daughter – only to have that life cut short."