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Press Release

Atton enters plea of not guilty | Dangerousness motion denied

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Michael Atton, 34, of Wrentham entered a plea of not guilty to one count of Assault and Battery on a Family or Household member (Chap. 265 Sec. 13M9a) at his Wrentham District Court arraignment today, following his arrest over the weekend by Wrentham Police.

Atton, who was represented by Attorney Daniel Moynihan at arraignment, had been free on \$5,000 cash bail.

The Commonwealth moved to have Atton held without bail under the dangerous person statute. Judge Julieann Hernon heard that 58(a) motion this afternoon and did not find the defendant dangerous. He remains free on the posted bail; Judge Hernon ordered additional conditions of release to include that he stay away from and have no contact with the named victim, that he submit to mental health evaluation and engage in any aftercare, and take all medications as prescribed.

He is due back in Wrentham District Court July 29, 2021 for pre-trial conference.

Pending charges represent accusations; all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.