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Press Release

Murder indictment in January death

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A Norfolk County Grand Jury today (June 9, 2022) indicted Karen Read, 42, of Mansfield for second-degree murder, Motor Vehicle Manslaughter, and Leaving the Scene of a Collision causing death in the January 29, 2022 death of John O'Keefe, an off-duty Boston Police Officer who was found unresponsive outside a Canton residence, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Massachusetts State Police detectives attached to the Norfolk District Attorney's Office arrested Read on February 1, 2022 on a manslaughter warrant issued by the Stoughton District Court. Ms. Read entered a plea of not guilty to that charge at her February 2 arraignment and has been free on \$50,000 cash bail set by SDC.

Read was taken into custody at approximately 5 p.m. today (June 9, 2022) at her Mansfield residence on an indictment warrant issued by the Norfolk Superior Court earlier today.

She is expected to be arraigned in the Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham, Mass. Tomorrow (Friday, June 10) at a time to be determined by the court – possibly between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., but at the court's discretion.