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Press Release

Civil Rights and Mayhem Indictments In May Holbrook Attack

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A Norfolk County Grand Jury today (July 7, 2022) issued eleven indictments against John F. Houlihan, 56, of Holbrook, including mayhem and civil rights charges for a May 10, 2022 attack on a neighbor who immigrated legally more than a decade ago.

The allegations are that the victim was parked in his driveway speaking on the phone when Houlihan approached and began banging on his closed window, demanding that he roll the window down. It is then alleged that Houlihan struck the victim repeatedly in the face. The victim then fled his vehicle and entered the home where he was renting space. Houlihan then allegedly followed him into the residence, where he continued to attack him including striking him with a bottle about the head, knocking him to the ground and continuing to kick him while saying to the landlord that she should get "this (expletive) Russian" out of here, although the victim is not Russian.

The defendant was found dangerous at a Quincy District Court dangerousness hearing May 16, but released under substantial conditions including GPS monitoring and that he stay out of Holbrook, reside in Quincy, and remain alcohol-free with testing.

"The Holbrook police recognized the seriousness of this matter and provided us with a very strong investigation of the initial event as well as follow up investigation," District Attorney Morrissey said. "I have assigned the matter the office's chief of civil rights prosecution, Assistant District Attorney David Omiunu, who was assisted in the grand jury process by district court civil rights prosecutor Brittany DePina-Carney."

Houlihan stands indicted for: Mayhem (a 20-year penalty); Intimidation due to national origin; Civil Rights Violation; Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon (bottle) – two counts; Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon (shod foot); Assault and Battery causing serious injury; Assault and Battery on a person over age 60 – two counts; Entering a dwelling without breaking; Entering a vehicle without breaking.

Houlihan was represented by Attorney Christie Feeney at his district court arraignment. No Superior Court arraignment date has yet been set.