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Press Release

Grand Jury Indicts in July Murder of Weymouth Police Officer, Bystander

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A Norfolk County grand jury today (September 6, 2018) issued 11 indictments against Emanuel Lopes, 20, stemming from the July 15, 2018, shooting of an on-duty Weymouth Police officer and an uninvolved bystander.

The indictments are:

- 2 counts of murder in the deaths of Weymouth Police Officer Michael Chesna and Vera Adams.
- 2 counts of armed assault with intent to murder involving a firearm (*intended victims being responding officers other than Chesna.*)
- 1 count assault and battery dangerous weapon, to wit rock
- Larceny of a firearm
- Carrying a firearm without an FID card
- Use of a motor vehicle without authority
- Negligent operation of a motor vehicle
- Leaving the scene of a collision causing property damage
- Malicious destruction of property (to wit: throwing rock at window on Burton Terrace)

Lopes pled not guilty to murder and related charges at his Quincy District Court arraignment July 17, 2018. "Grand jury indictment is an important and necessary step, moving this case to the Norfolk Superior Court where it must be resolved," District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey. "Our thoughts remain with the families and loved ones of Vera Adams and Sgt. Michael Chesna – and with the entire Weymouth community."

No Superior Court arraignment date has yet been set; the September 19, 2018 probable cause hearing scheduled for Quincy District Court will not go forward. The defendant remains represented by Attorney Larry Tipton. The matter is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Greg Connor and Tracey Cusick.