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Press Release

Murder in Plainville

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9 a.m. arraignment, Wrentham District Court

Joint statement of Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey and Plainville Police Chief James Alfred:

Plainville Police were called to the scene of an apparent homicide at 37 Landau Road at approximately 10:14 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2019.

The victim, 51-year old Carlyn D. Murphy, was dead with apparent stab wounds. The ensuing investigation by Plainville detectives and Massachusetts State Police detectives assigned to the Norfolk DA's Office resulted in the arrest overnight of her son, Sean Murphy, 21. Both were residents of 37 Landau Road.

While residents of the neighborhood and the town of Plainville may feel shocked by this incident, police do not believe that there is any ongoing threat or danger.

The arraignment of Sean Murphy on the charge of murder will occur at or after 9 a.m. in the Wrentham District Court.

No additional information will be released prior to arraignment.

ARRAIGNMENT UPDATE: Murphy entered a plea of not guilty to a count of murder before Judge Steven Thomas. Judge Thomas ordered him held without bail and ordered him returned to court Nov. 25, 2019.

Pending charges represent accusations; all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt under the United States Constitution.