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Press Release

DORCHESTER MAN ORDERED HELD IN STOUGHTON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MURDER

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Willie Foster, age 47, of Dorchester, Mass., pled not guilty at his Stoughton District Court arraignment May 6, 2013 on a charge that he murdered his former wife in her home.

Judge Richard D. Savignano ordered Foster held without bail and ordered him returned to the Stoughton District Court on June 7, 2013 for a probable cause hearing.

On Saturday night, May 4, 2013, Stoughton Police had been drawn to the home of Anita Clark, age 46, for a well-being check. Friends of Mrs. Clark had become concerned when she did not come to work. She worked as a phlebotomist at a Boston medical facility. Friends had been unable to contact her for a period of time.

Police made entry with a key supplied by the callers and went from room to room in the 76 Glen Echo Blvd residence. Police found indications of a struggle in a bedroom area.

Probing into a closet in that bedroom, Officers found Anita Clark dead. She had been covered by household items. Stoughton Fire arrived and confirmed that she was deceased.

Stoughton Patrol officers then held the scene and summoned detectives from their department and the State Police Detective Unit attached to the district attorney's office.

A Search warrant was obtained and executed on the residence. Evidence located inside the residence and developed through other investigation established probable cause to obtain a murder warrant for Foster.

Foster's photograph, physical description, and the make, model and license plate of the victim's vehicle – which authorities believed Foster might have been driving – were released to the media during a 5 p.m. press conference at the Stoughton Police Department on Sunday. At approximately 7:30 a.m. Monday, May 06, 2013, Boston Police received a call from an alert motorist who had spotted the 2001 Pontiac Astek. Boston Police moved quickly and arrested Foster without incident.

"The arrest was made barely 36 hours after the murder was discovered," District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said. "This was the success of cooperation across many levels. The State Police and Stoughton Police, the media publicizing this information, and importantly the civilian who chose to get involved and do what is right and the swift work of the Boston Police Department."

"There were some 20 members of Anita's family and friends present in the court today," District Attorney Morrissey said. "She was clearly very well regarded and loved. My deepest sympathies go out to this family for their terrible loss."

All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.