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Press Release

Indictment in geese beating case

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A Randolph man has been indicted on two counts of animal cruelty for allegedly beating a pair of Canadian Geese that later had to be euthanized.

"A Norfolk County Grand Jury indicted Ernest Allen, 55, of Chestnut West Drive on two counts of animal cruelty on September 23," District Attorney Morrissey said. "That indictment moves the case to Norfolk Superior Court. We would expect to schedule a superior court arraignment in the coming weeks."

The matter was brought through the grand jury by Assistant District Attorney Courtney Kiernan, Morrissey said, and the defendant is represented by attorney Ken DiFazio.

Allen pled not guilty to the same two charges at his Quincy District Court arraignment on August 2, 2021, according to Morrissey. He was released on personal recognizance.

"The Randolph Police Department responded to Mr. Allen's home after being contacted by a neighbor who reported seeing him beating the geese with a stick," Morrissey said. "The geese were transported to the New England Wildlife Center in South Weymouth. Despite their efforts, the geese could not be saved."

The New England Wildlife Center also assisted by conducting the necropsy – the veterinary equivalent of an autopsy – that would be used if the matter goes to trial, Morrissey said.

The maximum penalty for animal cruelty in Massachusetts is 7 years in state prison.

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