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## Press Release

### ARRAIGNMENT TOMORROW IN JUNE 2017 BRAINTREE MURDER

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A Lynn woman has been arrested on a Norfolk Superior Court indictment warrant for the June 2017 murder in Braintree of 19-year-old Reina Rodriguez, formerly of Lawrence, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Juana Rivera, 19, of Lynn, was arrested in Lynn Friday afternoon by Braintree Police and Massachusetts State Police Detectives from the Norfolk District Attorney's office, assisted by detectives assigned to the Essex DA's office and Lynn Police. She is expected to be arraigned Monday in Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham at a time to be determined by the court.

Rodriguez's death has been under constant investigation by Braintree Police and Massachusetts State Police homicide detectives assigned to the Norfolk DA's Office since she was discovered June 22, 2017 inside a room at the Hyatt Place Hotel on Forbes Road in Braintree, District Attorney Morrissey said.

"The Braintree police have been excellent partners with Norfolk County homicide detectives in this investigation," District Attorney Morrissey said. "We also very much appreciate the service of the grand jury that heard evidence in this case, and the Lynn Police for their part in taking this defendant into custody."

Additional information is expected to be made public at, but not before, Rivera's Monday arraignment in Norfolk Superior Court, according to the DA's Office.

*All defendants enjoy the Constitutional presumption of innocence unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.*