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No bail for woman indicted for April murder

A 44-year-old Weymouth woman was ordered held without bail today (August 15, 2024) after entering a not guilty plea to the murder of Christine Mello in Mello's Weymouth home, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Kelly Shaw, who had been staying with Mello, had previously pleaded not guilty on indictments for Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, Larceny of property valued over \$1,200, and misleading investigators. She was indicted on murder in the first degree by a Norfolk County Grand Jury this month.

Assistant District Attorney Lisa Beatty asked that Kelly, who has been in custody since her arrest in April, be held without bail on the murder charge; defense attorney Neil Madden assented. Judge Joseph Leighton ordered that the defendant be returned to court September 30, 2024 for pre-trial conference.

Shaw's co-defendant in the larceny matters, John "Jack" Harper has not been indicted in the murder at this time although the matter remains under investigation.