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Press Release

Murder indictment issued, arraignment set In 2016 Dedham robbery and fatal assault

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Nicholas Durfee, the Roslindale man charged with the robbery and assault of an elderly Dedham man in 2016, has been indicted for that man's murder and will be arraigned in Norfolk Superior Court on September 18, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

A Norfolk County grand jury indicted Durfee, 36, for murder on September 8, 2017.

"The victim of the robbery, Ignazio Chermesino, was 89 at the time he was injured on May 27 of 2016 in his Upland Road home," District Attorney Morrissey said. "He did not succumb to his injuries until June 11, 2016."

The initial investigation, by Dedham and State Police, developed sufficient evidence to obtain a warrant from the Dedham District Court on June 5, 2016, and made that known to other law enforcement. The Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section of the State Police apprehended Durfee in the area of the Shattuck Hospital in Boston on June 8. He pled not guilty at his district court arraignment June 9, 2016.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner performed the initial autopsy in June of 2016 and required additional testing to determine the cause and manner of death Mr. Chermesino's death, according to District Attorney Morrissey. "We received the final autopsy report in August 2017 ruling this death a homicide and began the grand jury proceedings that resulted in Friday's indictment," Morrissey said.

Durfee has been held in lieu of \$100,000 cash bail since his initial robbery and assault arraignment.

District Attorney Morrissey has assigned the prosecution to Assistant District Attorney Greg Connor. Durfee is represented by attorney Mark Bennett.

The September 18 arraignment is slated for 2 p.m., according to District Attorney Morrissey.