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Press Release

Mistrial Declared in Needham Murder Trial

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Norfolk Superior Court Judge Thomas Connors has declared a mistrial in Commonwealth vs. Tammie Galloway, the trial of the 2017 murder of Laura Shifrina in Needham, Mass.

The mistrial was declared shortly after 9 a.m. on Monday, December 09, 2019, the second day of trial after defense counsel Elliot R. Levine informed the court that he had been struck by an automobile over the weekend, sustaining serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

The Court assigned the case a May 12, 2020 trial date. The defendant remains held without bail. The 11 women and 5 men seated on the jury were dismissed from service.

Pending charges represent accusations; all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt under the United States Constitution.