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Press Release

Rudolph found not competent to stand trial in triple homicide

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The Norfolk District Attorney's Office has been notified that Norfolk Superior Court Judge Thomas A. Connors has ruled that Donald Rudolph is not currently competent to stand trial on the murder indictments against him in the November 10, 2011 killing of his sister, mother and mother's companion at the family home in Weymouth.

Norfolk Superior Court first issued an incompetency ruling June 6, 2013, based on evaluations of the defendant conducted at the Bridgewater State Hospital. In July, District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey's Office filed a motion to have another physician and expert in competency evaluation examine Rudolph.

That motion was granted. The second examining expert, Dr. Martin J. Kelly, MD, filed a report October 21, 2013 with the Norfolk Superior Court opining that Rudolph was competent to stand trial.

The Court conducted a full evidentiary hearing on the matter on January 24 and January 31, 2014; the Court's 17-page ruling, dated March 3 and received by the Commonwealth March 4, is the court's decision on that hearing.

The case is next due in Norfolk Superior Court Wednesday, March 12, at 2 p.m. At that status hearing, it is anticipated that the Court could schedule a competency review date in roughly six months. The defendant remains in custody in Bridgewater State Hospital.