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Press Release

SJC upholds conviction in Brutal 2002 Quincy murder

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The state's highest court has rejected the appeal of a Quincy man convicted of the brutal murder of a local mother in May 2002, according to Norfolk DA Michael W. Morrissey.

Gregory A. Wall, 51, was hiding in a closet covered in blood when Quincy Police arrested him in his 16 Sumner Street, Quincy, apartment the night of May 3, 2002. Police had been called to the residence by an upstairs neighbor who had looked out the window to see Wall lugging what appeared to be body parts in their shared back yard.

"Catherine Menkello was by all accounts a lovely, gentle person," District Attorney Morrissey said. "We are pleased with the SJC's decision and relieved for Ms. Menkello's family." She was 51 at the time of her murder.

The SJC issued the decision today, Sept. 11, 2014. "The Quincy Police Department did good work interrupting the crime scene and working with State Police detectives in the ensuing investigation. Appeals attorney Tracey Cusick did strong work defending the verdict and the truth in this case," Morrissey said.

Full text of the SJC opinion is here:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/docs/sjc/reporter-of-decisions/new-opinions/09850.pdf>