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## *Press Release*

### Larceny indictments added in animal cruelty case

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Radoslaw Czerkawski, already under indictment for numerous animal cruelty charges stemming from the mistreatment of a Quincy dog, will be arraigned tomorrow (February 11, 2014) on four indictments accusing him of larceny and attempted larceny from the elderly woman for whom he was supposed to be a caretaker.

"The financial exploitation aspect of this case has involved a far-reaching and involved examination of bank and other financial records through the grand jury process," District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said following the Feb. 7, 2014 indictments. "This has involved a tremendous volume of hard work by Quincy Police detectives Bill Monteith, Chuck Landry, Thomas Pepdjonovic and the State Police detectives assigned to the DA's Office, as well as Assistant District Attorney Greg Connor, who brought it through grand jury." Connor serves as DA Morrissey's Chief of White Collar Crime prosecution.

Czerkawski, 32, has already pled not guilty to a dozen animal cruelty indictments and one indictment for misleading a police investigation at his Norfolk Superior Court arraignment in December. Those indictments are being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tracey Cusick, who has specialized training in animal cruelty and protection. Czerkawski, who is a Polish national, is already being held without bail in his animal cruelty case as a flight risk.

He was indicted Friday on two counts of larceny of property valued at over \$250, one count of larceny of property valued at over \$250 from a person over the age of 60 and one count of attempted larceny. Tomorrow's arraignment was timed to co-occur with the scheduled pre-trial conference for the cruelty case at the Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham. As with all defendants, Czerkawski enjoys the presumption of his innocence until and unless he is proven guilty as provided by the Constitution of the United States.