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Press Release

Hung Jury declared in 2010 Stoughton murder

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Norfolk Superior Court Judge Raymond J. Brassard has declared a mistrial in the trial of John M. Rooney for the Feb. 27, 2010 murder of Georgios Kontsas.

Mr. Kontsas was 78 when he was stabbed to death in his home on Mara Circle in Stoughton. He had come to the defense of his wife, who was being assaulted by a man who had forced his way into the home, and gave his life to save hers. She testified at trial.

"We have already asked for a new trial date," District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said after the jury was released. "We are prepared to move forward as soon as possible."

Rooney, age 50, remains held without bail.

The jury heard six weeks of testimony and deliberated for seven days but was not able to come to a unanimous verdict.