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Press Release

PRISON FOR CZERKAWSKI IN \$130,000 LARCENY

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Judge Kenneth J. Fishman today (July 21, 2015) sentenced Radoslaw Czerkawski to 3 to 5 years in state prison for the theft of \$130,000 from the elderly Quincy grandmother for whom he had been hired as caretaker, according to Norfolk DA Michael W. Morrissey.

Assistant District Attorney Greg Connor and Assistant District Attorney Tracey Cusick had asked Fishman to impose a sentence of 5 to 7 years in state prison, a significant upward departure from the sentencing guidelines' range of 1 year to 3 years. They based that request on multiple aggravating factors.

"We appreciate the service of this jury, and appreciate Judge Fishman taking the aggravating factors – including Janina Stock's infirmity and vulnerability – into consideration in passing a sentence above the guidelines," District Attorney Morrissey said following the hearing. "We believe strongly that this case merited an upward departure from the guidelines."

The 34-year-old man was found guilty July 20, 2015 after less than three hours of deliberation, following five days of testimony. His Norfolk Superior Court Jury found Radoslaw Czerkawski guilty on all four indictments at trial: Larceny of property valued at over \$250 from a person over age 60; two counts of Larceny over \$250; Attempting to Commit a Crime, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

"Janina Stock was over age 90 and in difficult health when Mr. Czerkawski was hired as her caretaker, based in part on their shared Polish heritage and language," District Attorney Morrissey said. "He abused that trust, eventually helping himself to an enormous share of her personal assets at the end of her life. I am very pleased that this diligent jury has reached this verdict."

District Attorney Morrissey said that Quincy Police Detectives Thomas Pepdjonovic, William Montieth and Chuck Landry, and State Police detectives attached to the Norfolk DA's Office, did excellent work putting together a difficult and complex case. Assistant District Attorneys Greg Connor and Tracey Cusick did excellent work putting the case before the jury, Morrissey said.

Czerkawski was indicted separately on multiple counts of animal cruelty relative to a pit bull alleged to have been abused at the Quincy home where he was being paid to care for Stock. These larceny verdicts have no bearing on the Constitutional presumption of his innocence in those matters.

The next hearing on the still outstanding animal cruelty indictments against Czerkawski is August 14, 2015 at 2 p.m.