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Superior Court- Commonwealth vs. Darren Caswell

BROCKTON, MA- Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz today announced that Darren Caswell, (DOB: 12-3-64) was convicted yesterday of Murder in the 2nd Degree for the August 13, 2003 homicide of Matthew Cote, age 26. The defendant was found guilty after an 11 day jury trial.

The Commonwealth presented evidence that the defendant participated in the fatal stabbing of the victim, then torched the victim's truck with this body inside. The truck was discovered by two men fishing in a nearby pond in a remote section of Carver on August 17, 2003.

The case was investigated by Captain Joseph Mason, Sergeant Anna Brookes, and Troopers Diane Lilly and John Sylva of the Massachusetts State Police, and Lieutenant David Mackewicz and Timothy Needham of the Middleboro Police Department.

The case was tried before Superior Court Judge Paul Troy. Following the verdict, the defendant was sentenced to Life in prison.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy First Assistant John Bradley and Assistant District Attorney Eric Drury.

District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz stated, *"The conviction is a direct result of the dogged efforts of the police investigators, who continued to work hard on the case from the time of the murder until the indictment was returned in 2009, who never forgot this victim and never allowed the case to become "cold"."*

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