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**FOUR INDICTED ON CHARGES IN MARSHFIELD MURDER**

**BROCKTON** – Four people have been indicted on various charges in connection with the burglary and murder of a Marshfield man, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

A Plymouth County Grand Jury returned indictments late yesterday against four defendants:

- Michael Moscaritolo (DOB: 12/27/82) of Quincy was indicted on one count each of Murder, Burglary, Unarmed Robbery and Intimidation of a Witness and (5) counts each of Larceny of a Firearm and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm
- Mark C. O'Brien (DOB: 11/28/75) of South Boston was indicted on one count each of Murder, Burglary and Unarmed Robbery and (5) counts each of Larceny of a Firearm and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm
- James W. Ferguson (DOB: 8/13/75) of Dorchester was indicted on one count each of Murder, Burglary, Unarmed Robbery and Intimidation of a Witness and (5) counts each of Larceny of a Firearm and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm
- Lauren Kalil (DOB: 06/13/84) of Quincy was indicted on one count of Accessory After the Fact to Murder and Misleading a Police Officer

On September 16, 2015, Marshfield Police received a 911 call reporting the death of 45-year-old Robert McKenna, who was discovered in his home at 190 Damon's Point Road by a friend. McKenna was pronounced dead at the scene and his body was taken to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Boston for autopsy. The Medical Examiner determined the victim's cause of death to be by exsanguination due to incisions of the right upper extremity with transection of large blood vessels including brachial artery and lacerations of the scalp. The manner of death was determined to be homicide.

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A comprehensive investigation yielded several leads in the case, including the discovery of items of clothing, footwear and gloves at the scene and along the suspected route that the perpetrators took to leave the scene. State Police Crime Lab testing confirmed the presence of the victim's blood and DNA on an item found by investigators, which led to the arrest of James Ferguson.

Through witness statements, cell phone records, search warrants and surveillance videos, investigators identified Michael Moscaritolo and Mark O'Brien as the two other individuals who, along with James Ferguson broke into McKenna's house in the early morning hours of September 16<sup>th</sup> and robbed and murdered him.

Each defendant made a series of incriminating statements to witnesses about their involvement in the incident. Mark O'Brien told a witness to lie about his involvement in the murder if questioned by police. Michael Moscaritolo threatened a witness not to cooperate with police. Moscaritolo also asked his girlfriend Lauren Kalil to destroy evidence that would connect him to the murder.

The investigation revealed that Lauren Kalil destroyed evidence that could connect Moscaritolo to the murder in order to help him avoid arrest. In a post-Miranda statement, Kalil acknowledged throwing away evidence at Moscaritolo's request. Kalil is also charged with Misleading the Police for telling investigators several different versions of the incident.

The four will be arraigned in Plymouth Superior Court at a later date.

The case is being prosecuted by Second Assistant District Attorney Christine Kiggen and Assistant District Attorneys Nathaniel Kennedy and Kathleen Kramer and is being investigated by State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, Marshfield Police, State Police Crime Scene Services, the State Police Crime Lab, State Police Search and Rescue Team, State Police K-9 Officers and the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Team.

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