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Press Release

No bail ordered for Quincy man in alleged Hatchet attack on ex-wife's divorce lawyer

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A 53-year old Quincy man was ordered held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing after pleading not guilty to charges that he ambushed his ex-wife's divorce attorney in a parking garage and tried to kill him with a hatchet, Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said following the proceeding today (February 27, 2015.)

Michael A. Kelly, 53, of Millerstile Rd in Quincy, entered a plea of not guilty to armed assault with intent to murder a person over age 60, a 20-year felony, and two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon on a person over 60 before Quincy District Court Judge Kevin O'Dea.

Assistant District Attorney Michele Armour submitted separate motions to have Kelly held without bail by having revoking his bail on two open Hingham District Court matters and to have him held without bail until there could be a full hearing under the Commonwealth's dangerousness statute.

Judge O'Dea did not act on the motion to revoke bail, but ordered Kelly held until Wednesday, March 4, when there will be a full dangerousness hearing to determine if he should be held without bail for at least 120 days to ensure the public's safety.

As part of the Commonwealth's argument that Kelly be held pending a hearing, Judge O'Dea was told that Kelly had failed to appear in Norfolk County Probate and Family Court in Canton earlier in the day where he was supposed to make a substantial monetary payment; he was facing a previously ordered 10-day sentence for contempt which had been stayed until February 24, 2015, the date of the alleged attack.