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## *Press Release*

# Norfolk County Grand Jury today Indicts in two separate murders.

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The Norfolk County Grand Jury today (October 1, 2009) issued murder indictments in two unrelated homicides a July murder in Braintree and an August murder in Quincy.

Joseph Beatty, DOB 06/08/1957, of Quincy, was indicted "for Murder and Aggravated Rape for the August 29, 2009 homicide of Mary Beaton, age 33," according to District Attorney William R. Keating.. Beatty was ordered held without bail after pleading not guilty at his August 31 arraignment at the Quincy District Court.

Beatty's Superior Court arraignment is anticipated to occur in late October, but the date has not yet been set, District Attorney Keating said.

Lucas E. Walters, DOB 09/16/1980, was indicted for Murder, Breaking and Entering in the Daytime and Larceny from a Building after allegedly bludgeoning his neighbor, Jeffrey Phillips, to death with an axe at 391 Middle Street in Braintree on or about July 24, 2009, then transporting his remains to a wooded area of Suffield, Conn.

Walters Superior Court arraignment has also anticipated in the coming weeks but not yet scheduled. He pled not guilty at his arraignment in Quincy District Court to a single count of Murder.

If convicted, either man faces the possibility of life in prison.

*Please note that indictments represent allegations and findings of probable cause by a Grand Jury; all defendants enjoy the Constitutional presumption of innocence until proven guilty.*

*Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.*