

Bristol County District Attorney's Office
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Press Release
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A Bristol County Grand Jury today returned an indictment charging 98-year-old Laura Lundquist with second degree murder in connection to the September 24, 2009 homicide of 100-year-old Elizabeth Barrow at the Brandon Woods Nursing Home in Dartmouth.

Superior Court Judge Lloyd MacDonald today ordered that Lundquist be sent to Taunton State Hospital for a competency evaluation prior to being arraigned.

On September 24th at approximately 7 AM, state and local police were called to the Brandon Woods Nursing Home, 567 Dartmouth St., for an unattended death. Upon arrival, police were notified that the victim, Elizabeth Barrow, was found deceased in her bed by a nursing assistant during a routine check of the facility's patients.

Her body was transported to the medical examiner's office for an autopsy, the results of which revealed that the cause of death was manual strangulation and suffocation, and the manner of death, a homicide.

The State Police Detectives Unit assigned to the Bristol County District Attorney Sam Sutter's office, in conjunction with the Dartmouth Police, led the investigation into the homicide.

District Attorney Sutter will be available to the media to make a statement about the case and answer questions today at 3:45 p.m. at the Bristol County District Attorney's Office, 888 Purchase St., New Bedford, 5th Floor.

No further comment will be made on the case until the 3:45 p.m. media availability at our office.