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PRESS RELEASE
HOMICIDE ARREST
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Otsego County District Attorney John M. Muehl announces the arrest of convicted felon Casey James Callahan, age 50, who is presently incarcerated in the Attica Correctional Facility in Attica, NY. Callahan, who is currently serving a twelve and a half year sentence for a 2013 Otsego County Court criminal sexual act in the first degree conviction, was arrested this morning by investigators on a sealed indictment warrant of arrest for murder in the second degree.

The arrest was a result of an extensive cold case homicide investigation that concluded with a June 14th grand jury presentation in Otsego County where Callahan was indicted for killing his wife, Elizabeth who was 34 years old at the time of her death, in Athens Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania shortly before 10:00 p.m. on January 19, 2000. Grand jurors returned a true bill determining that Mr. Callahan intentionally ran his wife over with a tractor trailer in the parking lot of the Dandy Mini Mart #19 in Sayre, Pennsylvania which is just off of New York State Highway 17 at Exit 59A (Wilawana).

The Otsego County District Attorney's Office opened the 16 year old death investigation in March 2016 and was assisted by the New York State Department of Financial Services Criminal Investigation Unit in Oneonta, NY. The investigation was conducted by District Attorney Investigator Michael F. Ten Eyck and NYS DFS CIU Assistant Chief Investigator Sean M. Ralph. The New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision Office of Special Investigations assisted with the investigation.

The motor vehicle accident was originally investigated by the Athens Township PA Police Department with assistance from the Pennsylvania State Police. Shortly after the incident, the New York State Police Troop C Major Crimes Unit assisted the Pennsylvania authorities with the investigation after Elizabeth's family expressed concerns that she had been murdered by her husband.

This morning Callahan was arraigned on the murder charge by Otsego County Court Judge John F. Lambert and was remanded back to the Attica Correctional Facility without bail. He is scheduled to return to the Otsego County Court on July 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. If convicted of the class A-1 felony, Callahan faces 25 years to life in prison.

Maria T. Vullo, Superintendent of Financial Services, said: "Justice is served when dedicated investigators and diligent prosecutors work together to solve a serious crime. The Department of Financial Services appreciates the opportunity to have investigated this case with District Attorney Muehl and his dedicated team."

District Attorney John M. Muehl is prosecuting the case and a news conference is scheduled for June 28th at 1:00 p.m. in the Otsego County Court Grand Jury room to answer any questions regarding the case.

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