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PRESS RELEASE

Verdict: State v. Donald O'Grady, Jr.
Formerly of: 41 Glenn Avenue
Phillipsburg, New Jersey
D.O.B.: 2/10/66

Today a Warren County Jury convicted Donald O'Grady of one count of Murder, a crime of the first degree, one count of Robbery, a crime of the second degree, one count of Burglary, a crime of the third degree, and one count of Criminal Mischief, a crime of the fourth degree. The trial began on January 26, 2009. The trial was presided over by John H. Pursel, J.S.C. The State was represented by Assistant Prosecutor Craig Barto. The defendant was represented by Karl Keys, Esq.

The charges were the result of an incident that occurred on August 18, 2006, in the town of Phillipsburg, Warren County, New Jersey. On that date, Phillipsburg Police Department responded to 447 Thomas Street after receiving a call. The victim, Mary Bostian, was found deceased in her residence. An autopsy performed by Dr. Isadore Mihalikis, Chief Medical Examiner for Warren County, concluded the cause of death to be asphyxia. The victim also suffered blunt force trauma.

As to the crime of murder, the defendant can be sentenced to a minimum 30 year prison term to a maximum exposure of life in prison. As to the crime of robbery, the defendant can be sentenced to a prison term between 5 and 10 years. As to the crime of burglary, the defendant can be sentenced to a prison term between 3 and 5 years. As to the crime of criminal mischief, the defendant faces up to 18 months in prison.

The investigation was a cooperative effort between the Phillipsburg Police Department and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Major Crime Unit. Also assisting in the investigation were the Pennsylvania State Police, Belfast Barracks, and local Pennsylvania police departments including: Palmer Township, Washington Township, and the City of Bangor.

Date: 2/18/09


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