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Press Release

Two plead not guilty in Avon murder

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Murder indictments were unsealed today (May 11, 2016) against the three men already charged in the New Year's Day 2014 kidnapping of an Avon man, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

James Robertson was taken from his parents' Avon home by two men identifying themselves as constables under the pretense that he was being brought for a probation-related drug test. He was not seen alive again.

Almost two years later, hunters walking in the woods of Upton, Mass., discovered his remains on Dec. 26, 2015. A dental comparison and other forensic testing led to his positive identification.

On April 29, 2016, a Norfolk County Grand Jury returned indictments against Albert Ricci, of Canton, Scott Morrison of Norfolk and James Feeney of Dedham for first-degree murder and kidnapping, while armed, causing serious bodily injury.

At their noon-time arraignment in Norfolk Superior Court, Feeney and Morrison pled not guilty to those charges and were ordered to return to Norfolk Superior Court for pre-trial conference on May 23 at 2 p.m. They were ordered held without bail.

Ricci, whose attorney was unavailable to be in Norfolk Superior Court today because of his involvement in a case at a different courthouse, will be arraigned on Monday, May 16, 2016, in Norfolk Superior Court.