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## **Press Release**

## Galloway indicted for murder Of Needham neighbor

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A Norfolk County Grand Jury today (July 28, 2017) indicted a Needham woman for the murder and robbery of her elderly neighbor at the end of May, Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey announced.

"This morning Tammie Galloway, age 47, was indicted for murder, home invasion, armed robbery and larceny of a motor vehicle," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Based on information developed during this investigation, she was also indicted for the unlawful possession of a firearm related to separate conduct, and additionally indicted as an armed career criminal."

At her June 30, 2017 arraignment in Dedham District Court, Galloway pled not guilty to murdering 81-year-old Laura Shifrina in Ms. Shifrina's Needham apartment on May 28, 2017, then stealing the woman's car, according to District Attorney Morrissey.

Today's indictments move the matter to the Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham. Galloway's arraignment after indictment has been scheduled for Aug. 10, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the Norfolk Superior Court; there should be no further proceedings in Dedham District Court.

"I have to thank the Needham Police and Massachusetts State Police investigators for the volume of hard work that has gone into this investigation," District Attorney Morrissey said. "We are prepared to move forward in the Superior Court."

The crime of murder carries the potential penalty of life in prison without possibility of parole. The matter was presented to the grand jury and will be handled for the Commonwealth by Assistant District Attorney Greg Connor.