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## **Murder Indictment Unsealed in Albany County Court**



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that EDWARD MERO, 29, of Albany, was arraigned on a sealed indictment charging (2) Counts of Murder in the Second Degree, each Class A-1 Felonies, and (2) Counts of Tampering with Physical Evidence, each Class E Felonies, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

A Grand Jury indictment was unsealed in Court this morning alleging that on January 27, 2013, in the area of Arcadia Avenue in the City of Albany, MERO allegedly caused the death of Megan Cunningham. In addition, the indictment alleges that MERO did tamper with physical evidence by altering the condition of Cunningham's body.

The indictment unsealed in Court today also alleges that on December 3, 2014, while in Albany County, MERO allegedly caused the death of Shelby Countermine. In addition, the indictment alleges that MERO did tamper with physical evidence by altering the condition of Countermine's body.

MERO pleaded not guilty to the charges today and was remanded into custody without bail. No new appearance dates have been scheduled at this time.

“As in all cases, the defendant named in this indictment enjoys the presumption of innocence,” commented District Attorney David Soares. “I am aware of the great public interest in this case, however my primary objective is to eventually present all of the facts and evidence to a jury in Albany County and am confident that they will reach a just result. We remain committed to our obligation to work with the families of our victims as we pursue justice for Shelby Countermine and Megan Cunningham.”

Chief Assistant District Attorney David Rossi and Assistant District Attorney Steven Sharp are handling the prosecution of this case.

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***All parties are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty***

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