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EAST WINDSOR WOMAN INDICTED FOR MURDER

A Mercer County grand jury returned a three-count indictment last week charging an East Windsor woman with the murder of her 73-year old mother-in-law, Safia Diwan, Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Tasneem Diwan (DOB 2-16-1970), of Mozart Court, East Windsor, was indicted on one count of first degree murder, one count of third degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and one count of fourth degree unlawful possession of a weapon. She remains in jail on \$1 million bail.

On January 26, 2016, at approximately 7:33 pm, the East Windsor Township Police Department received a 911 call from a residence on Mozart Court, East Windsor, New Jersey. The caller reported finding his mother deceased. Responding officers entered the residence and located the deceased victim, 73-year-old Safia Diwan, lying in a front room of the residence. The victim's daughter-in-law, Tasneem Diwan, who also resided in the home, could not be located. Bloody clothes, believed to belong to Tasneem Diwan, were found in a hamper in the laundry room. Tasneem Diwan was entered into NCIC as a missing/endangered person along with her motor vehicle.

On January 29, 2016, Tasneem Diwan was observed in the bus terminal area of the Tropicana casino in Atlantic City. She was transported back to East Windsor.

During the investigation the Mercer County Homicide Task Force, detectives learned that Tasneem Diwan struck her mother-in-law in the head numerous times with an unknown object inside their Mozart Court home. Detective Eric Hastings signed complaints on January 30, 2016, charging Tasneem Diwan with Safia Diwan's murder.

Assistant Prosecutor Skylar Weissman presented the case to the grand jury.

Despite having been indicted, every defendant is presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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