

# Suspect Charged in Connection to Homicide and Two-Car Route 495 Crash in Norton

The Bristol County District Attorney's Office, Norton Police and Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to this office are actively investigating a homicide, which occurred this evening in Norton.

At 7:25 p.m., Norton Police received a 911 call from an individual in an apartment at 2 Holmes Street regarding a woman being stabbed. When police and fire personnel entered the apartment, they located the victim unresponsive. She was immediately transported to Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro, where she was pronounced dead. The victim has been identified as Julie A. Meede, 34, of 2 Holmes Street, Norton.

About a minute after the 911 call, a state police radio dispatch was received regarding a two car crash on Route 495 in Norton just south of the Route 123 interchange. Preliminary investigation by Trooper Christopher Roy indicates a Dodge Ram pickup traveling on Route 495 southbound crossed the grass median and entered the northbound side of the highway, where it collided with a Nissan. The operator of the Nissan, a 30-year-old Smithfield, RI woman, sustained serious injury and was transported to Rhode Island Hospital.

The operator of the Dodge Ram was identified as Martin McDonald, 35, who currently resides in Weymouth.

Mr. McDonald, the estranged husband of the Holmes Street victim, Julie A. Meede, was charged late this evening with murder.

Mr. McDonald is scheduled to be arraigned tomorrow morning in Attleboro District Court.

The crash on Route 495 remains under investigation those involved in the homicide investigation, along with Troop H of the Massachusetts State Police with assistance from the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section and the State Police Crime Scene Services Section.