

Taunton alleged domestic batterer found dangerous; ordered held without bail

A 35-year-old Taunton man who allegedly strangled the mother of his child until she lost consciousness was found dangerous and ordered held without bail for up to 120 days, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Nicholas Rahwan was arrested on April 19th and charged with assault and battery on a family or household member and strangulation. A virtual dangerousness hearing was conducted on April 22 before Judge Neil Hourhihan. The dangerousness hearing was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kolleen Reddington.

On April 19, Taunton Police were dispatched to a White Street apartment for a report of someone being strangled. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim, who stated the defendant had been drinking heavily and began picking up their son. The victim told officers she took their child out of the defendant's arms and told him she was leaving for the night. The victim then explained that the defendant came at her from behind, grabbed her with his right forearm, placed it around her neck and squeezed. She told police she passed out during the attack and officers noted redness and swelling around her neck.

"The defendant went into a rage and strangled the victim because the victim took their son out of his arms due to his drunken state. Under any circumstances, this conduct is not acceptable," District Attorney Quinn said. "The defendant needs to be kept off the street to protect the victim and the child."

All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty

beyond a reasonable doubt. All information related to the charges against this defendant are allegations at this time.