



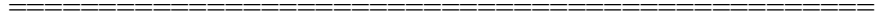
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District Attorney Matthew Van Houten announced today that Larry R. Walrad, Jr., 52, of Lansing, has been arraigned in Tompkins County Court in connection with a sealed, one-count indictment charging him with Murder in the Second Degree. Walrad is charged with the intentional homicide of Joseph West, Jr., 71, of Ithaca, on or about March 4, 2023.

The arraignment took place before County Court Judge John C. Rowley, who remanded Walrad to the Tompkins County Jail.

Murder in the Second Degree, Penal Law Section 125.25(1) is a Class A-I Felony for which the maximum penalty is an indeterminate sentence of twenty-five (25) years to life in prison.

The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office was the lead agency in connection with the investigation together with the New York State Police, Ithaca Police Department and the Cornell University Police Department.

NOTE: An indictment, like any criminal charge, is solely an accusation. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.