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## Bird Park slaying goes to court today

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DEDHAM — The trial of 42-year-old Martin Guy for allegedly torturing an elderly woman to death in Walpole's Francis William Bird Park begins today with jury selection in Norfolk County Superior Court.

Guy, who is serving a life term at the Massachusetts Correc-

### Jury selection begins in trial of murder suspect Martin Guy

tional Institute in Shirley for the 1999 murder of Christopher Payne in Norwood, pleaded not guilty at his arraignment on the murder charge two years ago for the killing of the 75-year-old Irene Kennedy.

Thomas Kennedy, now 83,

found his wife's body in the Walpole park on Dec. 1, 1998, after she failed to return from a walk. The woman had been strangled, beaten and stabbed 32 times.

Police also found a bite mark on her left breast, which was the

key evidence against the initial suspect, Edmund Burke of Walpole. That evidence would later be used against Guy.

Burke, whose brother is married to Kennedy's daughter, told the Boston Herald he is on the witness list and may be called to

testify at Guy's trial. "Their contention is (police) had the right guy the first time," Burke said.

"I can see a suspect as good as anyone else, and Ed Burke is a good suspect," Guy's defense attorney, Robert Jubinville, told the Herald.

According to past accounts, Burke was originally suspected because a cast of his teeth appeared to match the bite mark, but police also took a DNA sample from saliva found in the wound, and prosecutors now say it is a match for that of Martin Guy.

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# Murder trial starts today

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said after the 2004 arraignment that his client "categorically denies being involved whatsoever."

Prosecutors have not disclosed a motive for the crime.

Burke, in a pending civil suit against local and state police, has argued that police had DNA results when he was arrested and held for 41 days. He says DNA should have ruled him out as a suspect.

Burke argued he was the victim of public pressure on the authorities at the time to find and

arrest someone for the murder.

His civil case was thrown out of local and state courts, but he managed to get a federal appeals panel of judges to side with him, at least partially. His complaints against local police were rejected, but the panel allowed Burke to proceed against State Police Trooper Stephen McDonald. The suit is still in court.

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