

# Jury set in Guy trial

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DEDHAM — Twelve jurors have been selected to decide the fate of Martin Guy, accused of the stabbing and strangulation death of a 75-year-old Walpole woman in 1998.

Opening arguments are expected to begin this morning in the murder trial of the 42-year-old Guy, who is accused of killing Irene Kennedy in Francis William Bird Park on Dec. 1, 1998. Guy is already serving a life sentence at MCI-Shirley for the 1999 murder of Norwood's Christopher Payne.

Norfolk County District Attorney spokesman David Traub said yesterday the trial will probably take a few weeks.

"A good part depends on how long the defense takes," said Traub.

Traub said prosecutors expect to go straight from opening arguments to testimony today, postponing a viewing of the crime scene due to expected inclement weather.

Thomas Kennedy, now 83, found his wife's body in the Walpole park after she failed to return from a walk. Irene GUY, Page A5

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Kennedy was beaten and strangled, and stabbed 32 times.

Police originally suspected Edmund Burke of Walpole of the crime. Burke, whose brother is married to Kennedy's daughter, was originally suspected because a cast of his teeth appeared to match a bite mark on the victim's left breast. He was later eliminated as a suspect because a DNA sample from saliva found in the wound did not match his DNA. Prosecutors now say the sample is a match for Guy's DNA.

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

The Walpole man has claimed he was the victim of pressure on authorities to pin the murder on someone.

His civil case was thrown out of local and state courts, but he managed to get a federal panel of judges to agree, at least in part, with him. His complaints against local police were rejected, but the panel allowed him to proceed against state police Trooper Stephen McDonald.

The suit is still in court.

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