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## **Grand Jury Indicts Dale Peters for Murder of Ex-Girlfriend**

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CLEVELAND— Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley announced that a Grand Jury indicted Dale Peters for the death of Laura Fruscella.

On the morning of October 29, Peters' longtime girlfriend, 65-year-old Fruscella, was found on her front lawn by her neighbors on Montrose Avenue in Cleveland. She had died as the result of extensive wounds to her neck. Peters stole Fruscella's vehicle and fled the scene. Cleveland Police later located Peters in close proximity to the victim's home and took him into custody after a five-hour standoff.

Peters, 65, and Fruscella had dated for approximately nine years. In August, 2017, Fruscella filed domestic violence charges against Peters and a temporary restraining order was issued from Municipal Court. Peters had a hearing scheduled on October 30 for the charges as well as for violating the protection order earlier in the month.

There are 11 charges on the indictment including Aggravated Murder, Aggravated Burglary, Aggravated Robbery, Kidnapping, Murder, Felonious Assault, Violating a Protection Order, Grand Theft, Tampering with Evidence, and Inducing Panic.

"This was a calculated, vicious attack on a woman who wanted nothing more than to be free from her abuser," said Prosecutor O'Malley. "This matter is still under investigation and I have not ruled out capital murder charges."

Peters will be arraigned November 17 at 8:30 a.m.

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