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**STATE POLICE, PLYMOUTH POLICE CONTINUE INVESTIGATION, SEARCH FOR
HOMICIDE SUSPECT**

PLYMOUTH – State Police were back out on a river in Western Massachusetts and the investigation continues into the search for a suspect believed to have stabbed a 76-year-old woman to death in her apartment on Friday, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz and Plymouth Police Chief Michael Botieri announced today.

State Police detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and Plymouth Police are continuing the search for 24-year-old Tyler Hagmaier. Hagmaier is the suspect in the vicious, stabbing death of 76-year-old Vibeke Rasmussen of Plymouth.

At approximately 1 p.m. on Friday, Plymouth Police were called to the apartments at 7 Tideview Path in Plymouth for a well-being check and found Rasmussen dead and with obvious trauma to her body.

Plymouth Police immediately contacted State Police assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and an investigation commenced. Neighbors interviewed by police stated that they heard a female screaming in the vicinity of Rasmussen's apartment late Thursday evening.

State Police and Plymouth Police determined the suspect in the homicide to be Hagmaier, who lived across the hall from Ms. Rasmussen's apartment. Police contacted Hagmaier's family in Western Massachusetts and responded to the area. At approximately 10 p.m. Friday night, Hagmaier's silver Prius was found parked alongside the French King Bridge in Gill. Witnesses at the bridge indicated they heard a splash in the water at approximately 10 p.m.

State Police continued their search of the Connecticut River in the area of the bridge today and the State Police Air Wing was also expected to canvass the area. Throughout the weekend, strong currents and high waters hampered search efforts.

State Police have executed several search warrants and seized evidence in Plymouth and in western Massachusetts, as part of the investigation. Police have identified evidence that

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corroborates that Hagmaier is the sole suspect in this homicide.

This is an open and active homicide investigation being conducted by State Police assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and Plymouth Police. Anyone with any information on the case is urged to contact detectives with the Plymouth Police Department at (508) 830-4218 or Massachusetts State Police at (508) 923-4205.

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