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**EAST BRIDGEWATER SISTERS INDICTED ON CHILD ABUSE CHARGES**

**BROCKTON** – A pair of East Bridgewater sisters have been indicted on charges they allegedly burned, assaulted and threatened a young sister and brother, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Peggy Labossiere (DOB: 05/22/66) and Rachel Hilaire (DOB: 03/30/77), both of East Bridgewater, were indicted by a Plymouth County Grand Jury on one count each of Mayhem, Assault and Battery on a Child with Injury, Indecent Assault and Battery on a Child Over 14, Threatening to Commit a Crime and two counts of Assault and Battery on a Child and Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

On January 22, 2018, family members of two juveniles contacted Randolph Police with concerns about their well-being after they had been missing from school. Randolph Police determined that the family was in East Bridgewater and East Bridgewater Police responded to an apartment at 31 West Union Street. Emergency personnel responded and found a family member and two children, a male and female. The female child had what were determined to be second degree burns on the cheeks of her face below her eyes. The burns appeared to be in a stage of healing. The family was transported for medical attention.

Through their investigation and interviews, East Bridgewater Police determined Labossiere and her sister, Hilaire, in two incidents, allegedly tied the girl up with elastics, burned the girl's face with an unidentified liquid, and scratched her skin with a needle until it bled. The male victim told police Labossiere inappropriately touched him and threatened to cut his head off with a large knife.

Labossiere and Hilaire are currently being held on dangerousness out of the Brockton District Court. They will be arraigned in Superior Court at a later date.

Assistant District Attorney Shanan Buckingham is prosecuting the case, which was investigated by East Bridgewater Police.