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## RHODE ISLAND MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY KIDNAPPED AND VICTIMIZED ELDERLY WOMAN INDICTED IN SUPERIOR COURT

**BROCKTON** – A Rhode Island man who allegedly kidnapped and victimized a 75-year-old woman was indicted today in Brockton Superior Court, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Michael J. Guerrero, 36, was indicted on charges of Carjacking, Kidnapping, Indecent Assault & Battery on a 60+ or Disabled Person, Assault & Battery on a 60+ or Disabled Person, and Threat to Commit Crime. Guerrero was previously arraigned on related charges in Plymouth District Court and held without bail following a dangerousness hearing.

On September 15, a 75-year-old woman reported a violent incident from the night before to Pembroke Police where she had been victimized by an unknown assailant. The woman told law enforcement she had gone to a Ninety-Nine Restaurant that night for dinner and had left the establishment without her wallet and cell phone. The woman returned to the restaurant at about 9:15 p.m. and was approached by a male individual claiming to work at the restaurant as a valet driver. The front door to the Ninety-Nine Restaurant was locked at that time, and the male individual offered to drive the woman to the back entrance, which he claimed was unlocked. The man entered the driver's seat of the woman's vehicle and drove her away from the restaurant parking lot and toward the highway. The suspect then told the woman he wanted her to perform lewd acts and stated he had a gun if she did not comply. Eventually, once the suspect had driven to a four-way intersection in what the victim believed to be Providence or Johnston, Rhode Island, the woman attempted to escape the vehicle. The suspect then turned off the engine, exited the car and threw the keys away from the victim before fleeing the scene. The victim was subsequently able to return to Massachusetts and reported the incident to Pembroke Police.

The Pembroke Police Department posted surveillance images of the suspect from the incident to their social media pages asking the public for assistance in identifying him. Employees at numerous restaurants in and around Pembroke came forward with information stating a male individual resembling the suspect had visited their establishments prior to the kidnapping. Through witness interviews and additional

surveillance footage, investigators determined the suspect had used a rideshare app to get transportation to and from various locations the night of the incident. Preliminary investigation positively identified Guerrero as the male individual seen on surveillance footage during the incident as well as the rideshare passenger who had visited several local bars and restaurants in the Pembroke area shortly before the incident. Guerrero was arrested by law enforcement in Providence, Rhode Island on September 24, and signed a waiver to be extradited back to Massachusetts the following day.

Guerrero will be scheduled to appear in Superior Court at a later date.