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SCDA PRESS ADVISORY FOR THURSDAY JANUARY 3, 2013

A 33-year-old Central Islip man charged with murder after the body of his nearly decapitated neighbor was discovered in his closet will be arraigned on a grand jury indictment in Riverhead tomorrow (Thursday January 3).

Aston Barth confessed to strangling Jason Campbell, 35, during an argument in Barth's bedroom, explaining to Suffolk detectives that he struck Campbell in the neck with an axe post-mortem in order to dismember Campbell's body.

The body of the victim was in the defendant's bedroom closet for about a week. His mother and brother discovered the remains on December 24.

Barth is being held without bail in the Suffolk County Jail.

Judge Richard Ambro will unseal the indictment. Calendar call is at 9:30 am.

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Be advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

