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## **Opening statements Tuesday in Riverhead for grisly murder trial**

Opening statements are scheduled for 11:00 am Tuesday (1/28/2014) in Riverhead in the murder trial of Aston Barth, the Central Islip man charged with murdering his neighbor and hiding the corpse in his closet, Suffolk County DA Thomas Spota said.

Aston Barth, 34, confessed to strangling Jason Campbell, 35, during an argument in Barth's bedroom.

He told Suffolk County Police Homicide detectives that he used an axe to partially dismember Campbell's body.

District Attorney Spota said Barth wrapped the victim's body in blankets and a trash bag and placed the corpse in his bedroom closet.

Detectives believe the body was in the Barth's bedroom closet for a week before his mother and brother discovered it on December 24, 2012.

Charged with murder in the second degree, Barth has been incarcerated in the county jail since his arrest.

Judge Richard Ambro will preside at trial.



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