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**Sentencing tomorrow for man convicted of first degree murder in Medford
woman's death**

The sentencing of Dante Taylor of Mastic, convicted last month of the murder of a 21 year old Medford mother, is scheduled for tomorrow in Riverhead, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

A jury found Taylor guilty of first and second degree murder and attempted rape in the first degree on June 16 after a jury trial that started on May 11. The body of Sarah Goode, 21, was found by police in the woods near Camden Court in Medford on June 12, 2014. She had been stabbed over 40 times.

During the trial before State Supreme Court Justice John Collins, a forensic scientist from the Suffolk County Crime Laboratory testified that semen and other material taken from the victim's body during an autopsy matched Taylor's DNA and a handprint found in the victim's blood on the hood of her car matched Taylor's handprint.

The defendant faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment without parole for the first degree murder conviction.

The court calendar will begin at 9:30 am.

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