

**COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
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Sentencing Tuesday (9/12/17) for two cold case homicides

A Manorville carpenter will be sentenced tomorrow, Tuesday September 12th, at 10:30 a.m., for murdering two women in 1993 and 1994, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

John M. Bittrolff, 51, was convicted of two counts of murder in the second degree on July 5th and will face 50 years to life in prison for the deaths of Rita Tangredi and Colleen McNamee.

The body of Ms. Tangredi, 31, of East Patchogue was found on November 3, 1993 in a wooded area off of Esplanade Drive in East Patchogue. The cause of death was blunt force trauma to her head and strangulation. On January 30, 1994, the body of Ms. McNamee, 20, of Holbrook was discovered in a wooded area south of the LIE. Ms. McNamee had been strangled and also had a blunt force injury to her head.

Bittrolff, of Silas Manor Road, Manorville was 27 years old at the time of the murders. He was arrested for the cold case murders on July 21, 2014.

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Justice Richard Ambro

Arthur M. Cromarty Court Complex – 2nd floor

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