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### **Anthony Grigoroff Sentenced to 25 Years to Life in Garrison Garage Murder**

Carmel, N.Y. – District Attorney Robert Tendy announced today that Anthony Grigoroff was sentenced in Putnam County Court by the Hon. Edward McLoughlin to the maximum sentence of 25 years to life for the murder of John Marcinak. Marcinak was shot and killed at his place of business, the Garrison Garage, when he interrupted a burglary on the afternoon of December 31, 2008. Grigoroff acted as a lookout and getaway driver. He had previously been found guilty in 2010, but in 2015 that conviction was overturned. He was again convicted on August 8 after a two week trial.

Tendy, who personally tried the case along with Assistant District Attorney Melissa Lynch, asked the judge to sentence Grigoroff to the maximum. “Let no one have any illusions that the Defendant isn’t guilty,” Tendy said in his statement prior to sentencing. “He gave great detail in his confession as to what occurred during the burglary and shooting, and that’s because he was there when it happened. No one could have had such knowledge of the crime scene and what occurred there unless he was personally present.”

Tendy also discussed the defendant’s trial testimony. Grigoroff claimed during the trial that Putnam County Sheriff’s Department investigators forced him to confess to a crime he didn’t commit. “I find this reprehensible,” Tendy said. “In fact, the exact opposite happened. The members of the Sheriff’s Department were very

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careful to do everything properly and took great pains to make sure the defendant's rights were not violated. The investigators did a great job and are to be commended."

Friends and relatives of John Marcinak were also present. Tedy told the court that "John Marcinak was by all accounts a decent, caring, giving, loving father and friendly, decent, caring, and giving member of his community."

Grigoroff sat silent during the sentence proceedings, and when asked by the judge if he wanted to say anything before sentencing, tersely answered "no."