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CAMPTON HILLS MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN 2019 BEATING DEATH OF HIS MOTHER THOMAS SUMMERWILL WAS HIGHLY INTOXICATED WHEN HIS MOTHER WOKE HIM EARLY IN THE MORNING

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23-year-old **Thomas W. Summerwill** has agreed to a sentence of 4 years of probation, 200 hours of community service in exchange for a guilty plea to the offense of involuntary manslaughter in the March 2019 beating death of his mother, 53-year-old Mary B. Summerwill of Campton Hills.

Kane County Judge Salvatore LoPiccolo, Jr., accepted the plea.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Greg Sams stated in court that the morning of March 24, 2019, Thomas Summerwill was asleep in bed when he awoke to what he believed was an intruder in his bedroom, not realizing it was his mother, Mary Summerwill. Thomas Summerwill grabbed a baseball bat and struck Mary Summerwill multiple times in the head with the bat. The cause of Mary Summerwill's death was determined to be blunt force trauma. The investigation revealed that Thomas Summerwill's blood-alcohol concentration was .270 percent, and his blood contained tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) metabolites.

In addition to the probationary period and the community service work, Summerwill:

- Is prohibited from consuming alcohol for the duration of his probation
- Must wear an alcohol monitoring device for a portion of the probation period
- Must undergo intensive counseling for alcohol and grief, and undergo a psychological evaluation and follow all recommendations

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser said:

"Thomas Summerwill must live with the fact that, accidental or not, he is responsible for his mother's death. He will never again be able to hug her, seek advice from her, or tell her he loves her. He will never be able to introduce his children to their grandmother. That is a heavy burden. Sending him to prison – sending anyone to prison under these circumstances – serves no purpose. As a prosecutor, I must look at each case individually and do what is just for that situation. I spoke with Mary

Summerwill's husband, son and father, all of whom understood that this was a terrible tragedy and did not want to see Thomas prosecuted. What is appropriate is that Thomas Summerwill understand what went wrong, why it happened and that he work to ensure he has a safe and productive life, along with the tools to ensure he is never again involved in such a preventable tragedy.

"Thanks to Campton Hills Police Chief Steve Millar and his team, as well as the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force, for their work in this investigation."

Thomas W. Summerwill: Age 23 (d.o.b. 10-7-1997), of the 40W block of Willowbrook Lane, Campton Hills, Illinois. Case No. 19CF913

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