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**FALL RIVER WOMAN HELD WITHOUT BAIL, CHARGED IN STABBING  
MURDER AFTER TRAFFIC CONFRONTATION**

**BROCKTON** – A Fall River woman has been held without bail after her arraignment today on Murder and other assault charges, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Jacqueline Mendes (DOB: 05/16/87) of Fall River, was arraigned on one count each of Murder, Assault and Battery with Intent to Murder and Assault and Battery with a Deadly Weapon. She pleaded not guilty to the charges and Brockton District Court Judge Michael Vitali granted the Commonwealth's request that she be held without bail.

At approximately 3:45 pm on Friday, Brockton Police received multiple 911 calls reporting a stabbing in the vicinity of 276 Belmont Street and at the intersection of Grafton Street. Upon arrival, police and emergency medical personnel located a female victim bleeding profusely and suffering from a stab wound to the right side of her neck. She was treated on scene and transported to Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton before she was transferred by helicopter to Boston Medical Center (BMC) for treatment. The victim was pronounced dead at BMC on Saturday afternoon and has been identified as 41-year-old Jennifer Landry of Brockton.

Approximately 15 minutes after the incident on Friday, Mendes arrived at Brockton Police Department and reported to police that she was in an altercation with a motorist in the Belmont Street area, there was no accident, but there may have been a stabbing involved.

As part of their investigation, State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and Brockton Police developed information that a traffic confrontation ensued between Mendes and Landry prior to the stabbing. Mendes allegedly stabbed Landry with a knife and re-entered her vehicle and fled the scene.

Mendes is next scheduled to appear in Brockton District Court on August 8.

Assistant District Attorney Richard Linehan is prosecuting the case, which was investigated by State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and Brockton Police.