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## **Statement of Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian Regarding Arraignment of Raymond Wallace**

Tuesday's superior court arraignment of Raymond Wallace was an important step in the judicial process necessary to hold him accountable for his July escape attempt and the assault on two Middlesex Sheriff's Office corrections officers.

In his attempt to escape from custody during a visit to Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Wallace – age 36 of Marblehead – assaulted Officer Sean Lee and wounded Officer Jonathan Persson during a struggle. The quick actions and determination of Officers Lee and Persson prevented Wallace from escaping the hospital and potentially injuring hospital personnel and other innocent bystanders. Those efforts assured Wallace will answer not only to these charges, but to the charges for which he was already being held.

I thank the Boston Police Department, Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and our own investigators for securing Wallace's indictment. We will continue to work closely with Boston Police and the Suffolk County District Attorney as this case moves toward trial.

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