

**News Release from
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**Jury Finds James Krauseneck Guilty of Murder in the 2nd Degree for the 1982
Ax Murder of Cathleen Krauseneck**

Rochester, NY- Monday, September 26, 2022, a Monroe County Jury convicted 70-year-old James Krauseneck of Murder in the 2nd Degree for the murder of his wife, Cathleen Krauseneck, on February 19, 1982.

On February 19, 1982, Brighton Police Officers arrived at a house on Del Rio Drive in the town of Brighton. Upon entering the house, investigators located the body of Cathleen Krauseneck, who was found deceased in her bed. Reports show that Cathleen was killed from a strike in the head with an ax while she slept.

Since 2015, Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley and investigators from the Monroe County District Attorney's Office worked with the Brighton Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Monroe County Crime Lab, and Dr. Michael Baden to further review the case.

Upon a thorough and detailed investigation, James Krauseneck was indicted in November 2019 for the 1982 murder of Cathleen Krauseneck.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Constance Patterson, of the Special Victims Unit.

"I am proud to be a part of the team who found justice for Cathleen Krauseneck 40 years after James Krauseneck took an ax from his garage and used it to strike her head while she was asleep," said Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher. "I want to thank Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley, Monroe County Investigators Sam Soprano and Doug Boccardo, and Brighton Police Investigator Liberatore and Investigator Hunt for the incredible investigation that ultimately led to today's conviction. With help of District Attorney Doorley and former Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, William Gargan, we were able to lay out the evidence to secure today's verdict. It has been one of the great pleasures of my career to get to know Cathy's family and to be able to help in securing justice for their loved one."

“Today’s conviction proves that the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office and our law enforcement partners will never give up on securing justice for crime victims,” said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Cathleen Krauseneck deserved her day in court and I could not be more proud of the investigators and attorneys in my office who helped to bring this to trial and hold James Krauseneck accountable for her murder. After February 19, 1982, James Krauseneck moved away and went on with his life for 40 years. Cathleen did not have that privilege. I am grateful that we were able to provide this closure for Cathleen and her family. ”

James Krauseneck will be sentenced on November 7, 2022, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.

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