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NEWS ADVISORY

Gary McGurk, 23, of 48-56 58th Place in Woodside, Queens, was arraigned this morning before Queens Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Cooperman on a six-count indictment charging him with one count of second-degree murder, three counts of tampering with physical evidence and two counts of fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon. If convicted, he faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

McGurk is charged with murdering his former girlfriend, Michelle Lee, who was employed as a civilian criminologist for the New York City Police Department.

The indictment charges that McGurk murdered Ms. Lee on or about April 26, 2009, by striking her in the head with a blunt instrument and stabbing her in the neck with a knife. Ms. Lee's body was discovered bound to her bed by her roommate in their third-floor apartment at 45-23 41st Street in Sunnyside, Queens, on the morning of Monday, April 27, 2009.

Justice Cooperman ordered McGurk held without bail and to return to court on June 4, 2009.

McGurk is represented by the law firm of Rubinstein & Corozzo (212-545-8777). Attorney Ron Rubinstein appeared at arraignment.

It should be noted that an indictment is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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