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Son Held to Answer in the Murder of Mother

A Chico man, accused of murdering his mother with a dumbbell, was in Butte County Superior Court yesterday where a judge found sufficient evidence to send his case to a jury trial.

Aaron Neil Patrick Connors, 46, of Chico was held to answer after a preliminary hearing before Judge Kimberly Merrifield. Connors is charged with murder and is facing life in prison.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said on March 5, 2020 Connors went to visit his 68-year-old mother, Susan Robb, at her home in north Chico during the early morning hours. Connors' mother invited him inside and the two visited with each other for a few hours. When Connors went to leave his mother's home, he went outside to his van, grabbed a 10-pound dumbbell, and went back inside. The unsuspecting Robb was sitting on her couch with her back to her son when he approached her from behind and hit her on the head with the dumbbell. Connors proceeded to strike his mother multiple times on the head with the dumbbell causing her death. Ramsey noted this is the sixth matricide case in Butte County in the last 12 years.

Robb's roommate returned home from work that afternoon and found her body. The roommate called 911.

After the murder, Connors made his way to Gold Country Casino in Oroville where he was later arrested by Butte County Sheriff's deputies.

The judge scheduled Connors' case for further arraignment and jury trial setting on November 18, 2020. Connors remains in custody at the Butte County Jail subject to \$1,025,000 bail.

