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**SECOND ROCKLAND PSYCHIATRIC CENTER PATIENT
CHARGED WITH MURDER IN SEPARATE INCIDENT**

Rockland County District Attorney Thomas P. Zugibe today announced that **Peter Laguerre** (DOB 05/18/86) of 140 Old Orangeburg Road, Orangeburg, New York has been arraigned on an indictment charging him with:

- One count of Murder in the Second Degree, a class “A-1” Felony

District Attorney Zugibe said, “The defendant committed a particularly vicious and brutal crime in which he savagely attacked a fellow patient, ultimately killing him. He must now be held accountable for his violent conduct.”

On July 21, 2017, at approximately 9:07 p.m., Rockland Psychiatric Center patient Phillip Aeillo allegedly punched **Laguerre**, causing a bloody nose.

According to the charges, **Laguerre** retaliated by punching the victim ten times in the head, causing him to fall unconscious. The defendant then allegedly stomped on the victim’s head 16 times as he lay incapacitated.

Aeillo was rushed to Nyack Hospital and later transferred to Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, followed by St. Joseph’s Hospital in Yonkers.

He suffered multiple facial fractures, multiple brain hemorrhages and never regained consciousness or the ability to breath independently.

The victim died on on August 20, 2017.

The incident was captured on video.

Laguerre was indicted by the Rockland County Grand Jury on September 6, 2017.

It should be noted that an indictment is merely an accusation and that the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

He was arraigned and remains remanded on \$250,000 bail.

His next court appearance is scheduled for March 20, 2018.

He faces 25 years to life in state prison, if convicted.

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