

# Truro man who set his mother on fire dies in New Bedford's Ash Street Jail

A Massachusetts man accused of killing his mother and setting her on fire has died in a South Coast jail.

Cape & Islands District Attorney Michael O'Keefe and Truro Police Chief Jamie Calise announced Saturday that as a result of a request for a well-being check and a separate report of a fire, emergency personnel responded to a location in Truro at approximately 9:30 p.m. Friday night.

Upon arrival, responders encountered a man outside of the house and a fire on the front lawn. As the emergency personnel realized that it was a body that was burning, the man ran into the house and locked the door. The Cape Cod Regional SWAT Team responded and ultimately made entry into the home placing the man into custody.

The suspect, 34-year-old Adam Howe, was subsequently charged with Murder.

According to the DA's Office, evidence suggests that the decedent is 70-year-old Susan Howe, the mother of Adam Howe.

According to WBZ-TV, Howe suffered a medical emergency while he was in his cell at Ash Street Jail in New Bedford and was taken to St. Luke's Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Howe was supposed to be evaluated for mental health issues as a result of conversations with and information from family members.

Massachusetts State Police assigned to the District Attorney's Office are investigating his death.