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District Attorney Matthew Van Houten announced today that Ahmed A. Abed, 43, of Ithaca, has been indicted by the Tompkins County Grand Jury in a single-count indictment charging him with Murder in the Second Degree.

Abed is charged with causing the death of his wife, Alaa Hussein Jeena Abedi, 43, on the morning of November 11, 2024, in their residence in the City of Ithaca. He has been remanded to the Tompkins County Jail without bail.

The Ithaca Police Department and New York State Forensic Identification Unit conducted the investigation.

The maximum sentence available for Murder in the Second Degree is twenty-five years to life.

NOTE: An indictment, like any criminal charge, is solely an accusation. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.