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MAYS LANDING— A Las Vegas mother and son arrested in an Atlantic City casino over the weekend in connection with the slaying of the woman's husband were in court this morning for their extradition hearing. Neither waived extradition and a new court date is expected to be scheduled, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Michelle Costello, 43, and her 19-year-old son Peter Costello are suspects in the killing of 65-year-old Bert English in Nevada.

State Police arrested the Costellos at Resorts Casino in Atlantic City and transported them to the Atlantic County Justice Facility, Prosecutor Housel said.

The victim, who is not Peter Costello's biological father, was found dead on Sept. 20, 2010 at the family's Las Vegas apartment. Warrants for the duo's arrest were issued on Sept. 23, a day after the autopsy, Wiech said.

Chief Assistant Prosecutor Chet Wiech told the court today that the Prosecutors Office Fugitive Unit would be contacting the Nevada authorities who now may seek a Governor's warrant to have the pair returned to Nevada.

The suspects, who are being held without bail at the county jail, will be back in court in 30 days for an update on the status of the Governor's warrant, Prosecutor Housel said.

Superior Court Judge Max Baker presided over the brief hearing.

*****These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.**

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information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.