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A Camden County grand jury indicted a Cherry Hill rabbi yesterday on charges of murder and conspiracy to commit murder in the bludgeoning death of his wife, county prosecutors said.

The indictment, returned against Rabbi Fred J. Neulander, did not extend the initial accusations made by the authorities in September, when they charged the rabbi with hiring a hit man to kill his wife, Carol, in their home in 1994, said Greg Reinert, a spokesman for the Camden County Prosecutor's office.

Prosecutors contend that Rabbi Neulander, 57, arranged to have his wife killed out of fear that an impending divorce would lead to the disclosure of his adulterous affairs and cost him the position of head rabbi at his congregation.

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