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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley and Winnebago County Sheriff Gary Caruana announce that First Degree Murder charges have been authorized against **Jonathan Vanduyn (AKA: Kyle)(DOB:09/29/1987)** for the murder of Michelle Arnold-Boesiger that occurred on or about November 15, 2020. Vanduyn has been charged with 1 Count of First Degree Murder and 1 Count of Concealment of a Homicidal Death.

On March 1st, 2021, the McHenry County Sheriff's Office, assisted by the Roscoe Police Department, executed a search warrant at U-Haul Storage of Roscoe. This storage shed is rented by a Michelle Arnold-Boesiger, who had been reported missing in November of 2020.

Upon making entry into the storage shed a black Jeep Renegade was located inside. This vehicle was registered to Jonathan Vanduyn. Michelle Arnold-Boesiger was recovered inside and was in fact deceased. Her body had been covered blankets and bedding. There were also odor eliminator in the vehicle that appeared to be placed there to cover up the inevitable decomposition of her body.

Dr. Mark Peters conducted the autopsy on Michelle Arnold-Boesiger's body. The body was in a state of putrefication and was partially mummified. Dr. Peters observed no significant injuries on the body. Dr. Peters opined that the cause of death was undetermined. Dr. Peters opined that the manner of death was either homicide by asphyxiation, accidental from the ingestion of drugs, or a combination of the two, i.e. that she was rendered unconscious by drugs and then asphyxiated.

Jonathan Vanduyn and Michelle Arnold-Boesiger had been in a romantic relationship at the time she was reported missing, and there was a history of physical abuse of Michelle Arnold-Boesiger by Jonathan Vanduyn. In October of 2020, Michelle Arnold-Boesiger and Jonathan Vanduyn started living with a Dean Ellis in Mosinee Wisconsin. They were purchasing and renovating a fifth wheel trailer from Dean Ellis and staying with him during the process.

Tollway and cellular phone records showed that Michelle Arnold-Boesiger and Jonathan Vanduyn traveled to the Roscoe/Rockford, Illinois area on a daily basis in Michelle Arnold-Boesiger's white Dodge Ram truck from October of 2020 until mid-November of 2020.



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The last person known to have a physical encounter with Michelle Arnold-Boesiger was Dean Ellis in Mosinee Wisconsin. Dean Ellis said that this was in the late evening hours of November 14th, 2020 or the early morning hours of November 15th, 2020 and she was with Jonathan Vanduyn. This information was corroborated with cellular phone records.

Cellular phone records show that on November 15th, 2020 Michelle Arnold-Boesiger and Jonathan Vanduyn were in the area of U-Haul storage in Roscoe, Illinois. The passcode provided to Michelle Arnold-Boesiger to enter and exit this facility was also used on multiple occasions on this date beginning at 11:10am. At 2:23pm Michelle Arnold-Boesiger is on a recorded line asking to refill a prescription at a pain management clinic in Algonquin, Illinois. At approximately 2:28pm Michelle Arnold-Boesiger's debit card is used at Home Depot to purchase the items found in the Jeep Renegade that we believe to be put there to mask the odor of a dead body like odor eliminating products, gorilla tape, and heavy duty garbage bags. At 2:44pm Michelle Arnold-Boesiger's passcode is again used to enter the storage shed. At 3:47pm Michelle Arnold-Boesiger's white Dodge Ram truck was captured on the Illinois Tollway cameras. In the image Jonathan Vanduyn is driving the truck and Michelle Arnold-Boesiger's service dog "Atticus" is sitting in the passenger seat. This is approximately four and a half hours after Michelle Arnold-Boesiger's and Jonathan Vanduyn's phones entered the Roscoe, Illinois area and the first entry code was entered at U-Haul storage. In Tollway videos from before November 15, 2020, Michelle Arnold-Boesiger is always seen sitting in the front passenger seat while Jonathan Vanduyn is driving.

Over the course of the next several weeks, Michelle Arnold-Boesiger's debit card was used on multiple occasions by Jonathan Vanduyn. Michelle Arnold-Boesiger's cellular phone was still on and active at this time but always traveling directly with Jonathan Vanduyn's cell phone.

During the second week of December of 2020, Jonathan Vanduyn abducted his 10 year old daughter from Wisconsin and drove her to a remote location in Indiana. In just over a day the daughter was recovered and Jonathan Vanduyn was taken into custody. He was traveling in Michelle Arnold-Boesiger's white Dodge Ram and staying in the fifth wheel trailer he repaired at Dean Ellis's shop. During a search of the trailer Officers and FBI Agents found several of Michelle Arnold-Boesiger's belongings including her cellular phone.

First Degree Murder is a Class M Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 20-60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by three years of Mandatory Supervised Release.



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Concealment of a Homicidal Death is a Class 3 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 2-5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by a year of Mandatory Supervised Release.

The charges are merely allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty in a court of law.

The investigation was performed by the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office with assistance from the Roscoe Police Department, the McHenry County Sheriff's Office, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

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