

DISTRICT COURT, BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO Court Address: Boulder County Justice Center 1777 Sixth Street Boulder, Colorado 80302 Court Phone: (303) 441-3750	DATE FILED: March 9, 2023 CASE NUMBER: 2023CR429  COURT USE ONLY
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO vs. JOHN MICHAEL ANGERER, Defendant	
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<b>TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT GRAND JURY INDICTMENT</b>	

COUNT 1 **MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE C.R.S. 18-3-103(1) (F2)**

Of the 2022-2023 statutory term of the Boulder County District Court in the year 2023, the 2022-2023 statutory Grand Jurors chosen, selected and sworn in the name, and by the authority of the People of the State of Colorado, upon their oaths, present the following described acts, all done contrary to the form of statutes in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the People of the State of Colorado, as stated in the counts attached hereto:

Michael T. Dougherty, District Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial District, of the State of Colorado, in the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Colorado, informs the court of the following offenses committed, or triable, in the County of Boulder.

**COUNT 1- MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE (F2)**

That on or about April 1, 2006 to May 31, 2006 in, or triable in, the County of Boulder, State of Colorado JOHN MICHAEL ANGERER unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly caused the death of Angela Wilds; in violation of section 18-3-103(1), C.R.S.

Probable cause as to Count 1 is as follows:

On June 4, 2006, two hikers located a badly decomposing body in the South St. Vrain Canyon. The area was along Highway 7, roughly 3.3 miles outside of Lyons. The body was completely nude, except for a cross ring on the left hand, and showed signs of predation by an animal. The body was located approximately 20 feet away from a shallow grave. The body appeared to have been dragged away from the gravesite by an animal. The grave's perimeter was surrounded by large rocks and covered with long tree branches. Approximately 50 pounds of a white powdery substance containing calcium oxide ("quicklime") was located on the body as well as in and around the gravesite, to a depth of approximately 14 inches. Deputies located a pair of yellow ski pants, a sleeping bag, and a pillow in a pillowcase, all neatly folded up near the gravesite.

An autopsy was performed by Dr. John Meyer on June 7, 2006, which resulted in a finding of an undetermined cause and manner of death. The body was determined to belong to a Caucasian or Hispanic female, approximately 30 to 50 years of age, between 5'0" and 5'4" tall, weighing 105 to 120 pounds, and with long or medium length brown hair. At the time of the autopsy, law enforcement did not know the woman's identity. Dr. Meyer estimated she had been deceased for at least a few weeks and possibly up to some months before her body was discovered. Dr. Meyer noted that the woman had a severe occlusion of the left descending anterior coronary artery. Dr. Meyer also noted the presence of animal predation and superficial injuries to the woman's face and neck. Dr. Meyer noted the absence of gunshot wounds, broken bones, and stab wounds, but could not rule out strangulation. Unfortunately, the advanced state of decomposition and the limited knowledge about the woman prevented Dr. Meyer from making any further conclusions.

In October of 2006, Longmont Police received a tip from Victoria Blicharski. She mentioned that she had not seen her friend "Angie Wilder" in several months. Investigators were able to locate an Angela Wilds [REDACTED] with ties to the Longmont area. Blicharski reported that Wilds matched the description of the unidentified woman and was known to wear a similar cross ring. In November of 2006, DNA analysis comparing the rib bones from the unidentified woman with four of Wilds' sisters confirmed Angela Wilds' identity.

Further DNA analysis between 2006 and 2009 determined that Wilds' DNA was located on the yellow ski pants recovered from the scene. DNA testing also revealed the presence of an unknown male contributor located inside both the sleeping bag and pillowcase recovered at the scene. During the autopsy, Dr. Meyer collected vaginal swabs from Wilds' body. DNA testing of the vaginal swabs determined the presence of an unknown contributor, but the results were uninterpretable due to the low quantity of foreign DNA recovered.

The unknown DNA profile from inside the sleeping bag was entered into a national database for comparison. On January 22, 2009, detectives received a report identifying John Angerer as a potential match to the unknown profile inside the sleeping bag. A buccal swab was collected from Angerer in March of 2009 and compared to the items recovered from the scene. Angerer's DNA matched the major contributor profile located on the pillowcase and inside the sleeping bag. There was still insufficient DNA material present to complete an analysis on Wilds' vaginal swabs with the technology available at the time.

Several people reported seeing Angerer and Wilds together in late 2005 and early 2006. Both were also associated with a 1970s Toyota pickup truck that has never been located or recovered. Angerer's sister and mother reported that in the spring of 2006, he talked about a girlfriend and purchasing an engagement ring. Neither met Angerer's girlfriend nor heard her name.

Angerer was interviewed by a detective with the Anchorage Police Department on August 26, 2009. Angerer reported that in February or March of 2006, he had gone to dive school in Texas. He had returned to Colorado and remained in Canon City, Longmont, and Monte Vista from March of 2006 through July of 2006. In August of 2006, Angerer reported that he had moved to Alaska. Angerer stated he did not know anyone named "Angie" or "Angela" in Colorado. Angerer further denied knowing or recognizing Wilds when her photo was shown to him.

On September 16, 2009, Angerer was interviewed by two members of the Boulder County Sheriff's Office. Angerer again denied knowing an "Angie" or "Angela" and denied recognizing her photo. Angerer also stated that he did not recognize the sleeping bag, pillow, yellow ski pants, or Wilds' ring. Angerer further denied camping in the South St. Vrain area. Angerer also reported that he had not returned to Longmont after February or March of 2006.

Angerer's parents, sister, and nephew all reported that he frequented a cave in the South St. Vrain, and that he would frequently hike or camp in the area. His parents reported that the cave was off of Highway 7, approximately three or four miles outside of Lyons. Angerer's sister reported that she had dropped him off in the area near where Wilds' body was recovered. His nephew said he had hiked the area with Angerer in the past. In 1994, there was also a report of Angerer's vehicle being recovered near the 29.9 mile marker of Highway 7 after he had gotten into a dispute with his brother in law.

Angerer was arrested in 2010 and charged with Second Degree Murder. The case proceeded to a preliminary hearing on July 12, 2010. After hearing evidence, the presiding judge determined that the charge was not supported by probable cause and dismissed the case.

Several acquaintances and members of Angerer's family described him as volatile. A witness reported seeing Angerer try to strangle his ex-girlfriend Karen Miller in early to mid-April of 2006. This information was not presented at the preliminary hearing. At the time of the preliminary hearing, Dr. Meyer was unaware of the DNA results, any biographical information about Wilds, Angerer's denial of knowing Wilds, and evidence regarding Angerer's conduct with Karen Miller.

In the intervening years, detectives have continued to interview witnesses and pursue leads strengthening Angerer's ties to Wilds. In December of 2022, Tammy Gutierrez reported that she and Jesus Magallan had seen Angerer and Wilds together at the Bar L Motel. A review of records established that this must have taken place between December 26, 2005 and January 4, 2006.

Additionally, officers reestablished contact with a longtime girlfriend of Angerer's named Esther Brown. Brown was interviewed in 2009 while she was still in contact with Angerer. Brown initially reported violence in their relationship but denied being strangled. In follow-up interviews from December of 2022 and January of 2023, Brown disclosed that Angerer had strangled her repeatedly throughout the relationship. Angerer became more volatile and frightening when he was drinking or using drugs. Brown reported that Angerer was jealous and possessive and often believed she was cheating on him. Angerer once destroyed Brown's tent because she did not want to live in the woods with him and was trying to secure housing. Brown recalled a time early on in their relationship when they had been arguing and Angerer took a set of keys and threw them into a creek. Brown assumed the keys were related to Angerer's time in Colorado. Brown had long suspected Angerer was hiding something because he was reluctant to talk about his past or his time in Colorado. Brown further reported that certain women's names, including "Angela" would send Angerer into a rage.

At the time of the preliminary hearing in 2010, DNA technology permitted a YSTR analysis that found that Angerer and his paternal relatives could not be excluded from Wilds' vaginal swabs. At the time, approximately 95.4 percent of Caucasian males could be excluded. The vaginal swabs were retested in 2020 using newly developed DNA bead-based extraction (automate) and developed a mixture of two persons. Unlike the original YSTR testing, this automate testing was specific to Angerer's DNA and did not include paternal relatives. The original YSTR profile allowed for 4.6 percent of Caucasian males to be included in the sample. The new results, however, placed Angerer and Wilds together in the DNA mixture to a very strong degree of support. Assuming Wilds is included, the mixture is at least 6,800,000 times more likely if it originated from Wilds and Angerer than from Wilds and unknown, unrelated individual.

Dr. Meyer testified before the 2022-2023 statutory grand jury that it would be reasonable for another forensic pathologist to opine that Wilds' death was a homicide. He acknowledged that his opinion was limited by the information known to him at the time. Dr. Eric Keisel reviewed the case in June of 2010 and determined that the cause of death was likely asphyxia and the manner of death was homicide.

In 2015, Dr. Daniel Lingamfelter reviewed the case and determined that the cause of death was homicidal violence by unspecified means and the manner of death was homicide. Dr. Lingamfelter concluded that the manner of death should be ruled a homicide because the definition

of homicide is death at the hands of another, and the investigation showed that to be the description most accurately reflecting the death of Wilds.

Specifically, Dr. Lingamfelter found that the investigative findings of Wilds' remains being discovered nude, severely decomposed in a secluded wooded location, dragged from a shallow grave in which Wilds was buried in and covered with lime, showed that a deliberate attempt was undertaken to conceal her body and that another person or persons are responsible for her death. Dr. Lingamfelter further opined that while clear and convincing evidence allowed for a determination of the manner of death, a specific cause of death could not have been determined, but that an asphyxia event was most likely.

Dr. Lingamfelter additionally ruled out the possibility of intoxication as the cause of death. Dr. Lingamfelter opined that the severe atherosclerotic disease of the left anterior descending coronary artery opened up the possibility that Wilds may have been assaulted and the ensuing rise in blood pressure and heart rate led to a cardiac arrhythmia and stated that the only other possible technical explanation for Wilds' death was purely one of natural causes, but the fact that she was buried nude, covered in a lime-like substance in a shallow grave in a remote wooded location effectively eliminated the natural causes death as a plausible explanation for Wilds' demise.

Dr. Meyer was not aware of the previous interview regarding Karen Miller, and none of the pathologists were aware of the new interviews with Esther Brown, involving strangulation.

With this new evidence to include much more conclusive DNA evidence, additional acts of strangulation motivated by domestic violence, and additional detail and expert opinion provided by pathologist Dr. Lingamfelter, there is probable cause for the charge of Murder in the Second Degree.

All offenses against the peace and dignity of the People of the State of Colorado.

AS TO COUNT ONE:

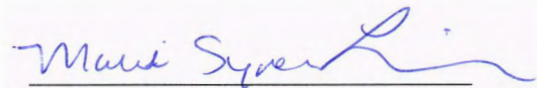
TRUE BILL \_\_\_\_\_

NO TRUE BILL \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the Foreperson of the 2022-2023 Statutory Grand Jury, in Boulder, Colorado, do hereby swear and affirm that each and every True Bill returned in this Indictment by the 2022-2023 Statutory Grand Jury was arrived at after deliberation and with the assent and agreement to the existence of probable cause by at least nine members of the 2022-2023 Statutory Grand Jury.

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FOREPERSON

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the City and County of Boulder, State of Colorado, this \_\_\_\_ Day of February, 2023.



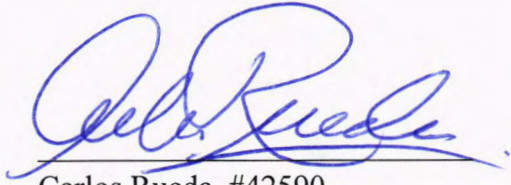
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 7-5-2024

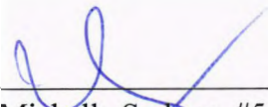
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Respectfully submitted and approved for filing this 16 day of February, 2023.

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Court orders this Indictment returned.

ARREST WARRANT TO ISSUE FOR:

DOB: 7/28/1969, Age: 53 YRS

Last Known Address: 720 Gambell St., Anchorage, AK 99501

Hgt: 5' 10" Wgt: 130 Hair: GRY Eyes: BLU Sex: M Race: W

NCIC: [REDACTED]


CCIC: [REDACTED]

BOND IS HEREBY SET IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT:

\$1,000,000.00

CONDITIONS:

CPS Only NCIC  
NCO - any witnesses  
No leaving State of Colorado without prior Court Approval.  
Waiver of Extradition  
PTS  
High-risk GPS, to be fitted prior to release  
BY THE COURT:

  
~~INGRID BAKKE~~ Thomas F. Muirhead  
Chief Judge  
Twentieth Judicial District  
State of Colorado

The indictment and arrest warrant shall remain sealed until such time as Defendant is arrested in this matter.