



NEWS RELEASE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER OF MISSING SPRINGFIELD WOMAN –
GIRLFRIEND CHARGED WITH TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Lonnie Leroy Williams, 32, of Springfield has been charged today in the December 20, 2019, murder of missing Springfield woman MacKenna Milhon. Williams' girlfriend Olivia Vega, 23, of Springfield has also been charged today with tampering with evidence after the murder.

Prosecutor Patterson noted, “the charges announced today in this tragic case were made possible through the outstanding cooperation of the Springfield Police Department, that was investigating MacKenna’s disappearance, and the Greene County Sheriff’s Office, that began investigating the homicide after MacKenna was found in Greene County just north of Springfield.”

Williams currently faces charges of murder in the first degree and armed criminal action. He is being held without bail. Murder in the first degree is punishable by life in prison without the possibility of parole or the death penalty. The investigation is ongoing and it is premature for the State to announce whether it will seek the death penalty. Armed criminal action is punishable by a minimum of three years in the Department of Corrections with no maximum term of years.

Vega currently faces one count of the class E felony of tampering with physical evidence. The punishment for a class E felony is a term of years not to exceed four years, or up to one year in the county jail, and/or a fine of up to ten thousand dollars.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, *State v. Williams*, 2031-CR00008 and *State v. Vega*, 2031-CR00007

Mr. Patterson cautions that the charges contained in the felony complaints are merely allegations and that the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

Copies of the felony complaints and probable cause statements filed in these cases are attached to this release. The Missouri Supreme Court ethics rules prohibit comments on the facts or investigation of this case beyond those contained in the felony complaint and probable cause statement that are part of the public record.

This case is being prosecuted by Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson and First Assistant Phil Fuhrman. It is being investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office with assistance from Detective Cody Williams of the Springfield Police Department. Greene County Sheriff's Office Detective Jennifer Flood is the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI

Associate Division _____

STATE OF MISSOURI,)	
Plaintiff,)	
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vs.)	Case No. 2031-CR00008
)	
LONNIE LEROY WILLIAMS,)	OCN#
)	
Defendant.)	PA File No. 077426087

FELONY COMPLAINT

COUNT I

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.020, RSMo, committed the class A felony of murder in the first degree punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about December 20, 2019, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of MacKenna Milhon by stabbing her.

Defendant is a prior offender under Section 558.016, RSMo, in that he has pleaded guilty to a felony as follows:

On or about June 14, 2018, defendant pleaded guilty to the felony of domestic assault in the second degree in the Circuit Court of Christian County in case number 18CT-CR00934-01.

COUNT II

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about December 20, 2019, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of murder in the first degree charged in Count I, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of murder in the first degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a dangerous instrument.

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the attached probable cause statement concerning this matter, which statement is made a part hereof and is submitted herewith as a basis upon which this court may find the existence of probable cause for the issuance of the warrant.

WHEREFORE, the Prosecuting Attorney prays that an arrest warrant be issued as provided by law.

DAN PATTERSON
Prosecuting Attorney of the County of
Greene, State of Missouri, by

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Electronically signed;

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GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 01/03/2020 Case #: GCS191230007099

I, JENNIFER SUSAN FLOOD, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that LONNIE L WILLIAMS, Black/Male, DOB [REDACTED] 1987, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 12/20/19 02:30 - 12/20/19 03:30 at 1628 E FARM ROAD 88 RD, SPRINGFIELD MO 65803.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On December 22, 2019, Rachel Crook filed a missing person report with the Springfield Police Department. She stated her daughter, MacKenna Milhon, had last contacted her on December 20, 2019, when she sent a text message around 01:00 hours saying she had been raped. At about 02:14 hours, Crook had a four and half minute conversation with Milhon where she said she was in Lampe, Missouri, or Blue Eye, Missouri, then the call was disconnected.

On December 30, 2019, Springfield Police contacted the Greene County Sheriff's Office in reference to a tip they received that Milhon's body was at two possible locations outside Springfield City limits, including 1628 E. Farm Road 88, Springfield, Missouri 65803. Detectives from both agencies responded to the address and located the deceased body of Milhon. On December 31, 2019, an autopsy was conducted on Milhon. It was determined Milhon had suffered several "sharp force" traumas around her neck, consistent with stab wounds caused by a sharp object.

During the follow up investigation, it was learned that Milhon was riding in a vehicle with her friend on December 19, 2019, before being dropped off at the Kum and Go gas station at Kansas Expressway and Norton Road. Milhon was picked up by her friend, Lonnie "Leon" Williams and they drove around together. During an initial interview, Williams told Springfield Police Detectives they stopped at one point to have consensual sex in an alleyway before he dropped Milhon off near the intersection of Atlantic Street and Main Street at about 01:00 hours on December 20, 2019. Williams said he did not have any further contact with Milhon.

On January 1, 2020, a male identified as Gary "TJ" Taylor was contacted by Greene County Sheriff's Office Detectives. Taylor said he was with Olivia Vega, Williams' girlfriend, at the residence she shares with Williams. Taylor said he saw Williams come into the house with some bloody clothing and a knife. Taylor said he and Vega took the clothing and knife to a location where he burned the clothing and he said Vega discarded the knife. On January 2, 2020, Vega was contacted and interviewed by Greene County Sheriff's Office Detectives. Vega made a reference to "the little girl," saying she didn't think Williams was capable of hurting "the little girl."

On January 2, 2019, Williams was interviewed again, and at first denied any involvement in Milhon's death. Later in the interview, Williams stated he was driving north on State Highway H out of Springfield, and pulled over at the intersection of Farm Road 88 and State Highway H to urinate. He said he had vehicle trouble, and eventually got his vehicle to start. Before getting back onto the highway, he said Milhon was upset and started to hit him while inside the vehicle. Williams said Milhon was upset because he lied to her about having drugs for her. He stated he grabbed a knife located on the passenger floorboard, and stabbed Milhon once in the neck area.

Williams said they both exited the vehicle and he approached her to see if she was ok. Milhon slapped Williams across the face, and continued to strike him, so he said he stabbed her in the neck about 3-4 more times. Williams told detectives Milhon stumbled between two buildings before falling to the ground, where he held her until she died. Williams gathered the knife and his bloody clothing, and returned home. He said he told Vega what happened and asked her to dispose of his bloody clothing.

Warrant Information if requesting a warrant rather than a summons:

1. I have reasonable grounds to believe the defendant will not appear based on the following information:

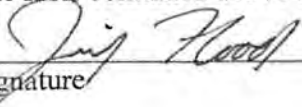
Not Applicable

2. I have reasonable grounds to believe the defendant poses a danger to a crime victim, the community, or any other person based on the following information:

Williams showed a lack of concern for human life by brutally murdering a person whom he claims was a friend to him. Williams demonstrated he lacks the ability to control his anger or emotions and may not be able to control his aggression in the future, placing the public at risk of serious injury or death if confronted by him. In addition, Williams is currently incarcerated in the Christian County Jail on a probation violation warrant for Domestic Assault 2nd.

Not Applicable

The facts contained above are true.

/s/ 
Signature

G369
DSN

Detective
Title

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STATE OF MISSOURI,)	
Plaintiff,)	
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vs.)	Case No. 2031-CR00007
)	
OLIVIA RENAE VEGA,)	OCN#
)	
Defendant.)	PA File No. 077426088

FELONY COMPLAINT

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The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 575.100, RSMo, committed the class E felony of tampering with physical evidence, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002 and 560.011, RSMo, in that on or between December 20, 2019, and December 30, 2019, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant, acting with another, destroyed clothing by burning it with the purpose to impair the availability of the evidence in the investigation of the death of MacKenna Milhon, an official investigation, and thereby impaired and obstructed the prosecution of Lonnie Williams for the offense of murder in the first degree, a felony.

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the attached probable cause statement concerning this matter, which statement is made a part hereof and is submitted herewith as a basis upon which this court may find the existence of probable cause for the issuance of the warrant.

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I, JENNIFER SUSAN FLOOD, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that OLIVIA RENAE VEGA, White/Female, DOB [REDACTED] 1996, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 2019/12/20 02:30 – 2019/12/30 03:30 at 3825 S. Lone Pine Ave, Springfield, Missouri 65804.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

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of hurting "the little girl."

On January 2, 2019, Williams was interviewed again about Milhon and stated he used a knife to stab Milhon in the neck, causing her death. He also stated he told Vega what happened and asked her to dispose of his bloody clothes.

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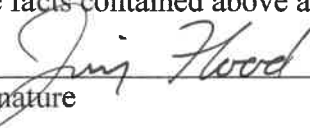
Vega shows a disregard for human life by choosing to protect her boyfriend and not report his involvement in the death of Milhon. Vega has no remorse for her actions and instead feels she did nothing wrong. She has shown she is a danger to the public by her willingness to destroy and discard evidence of a homicide.

Not Applicable

The facts contained above are true.

/s/

Signature



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DSN

Detective

Title