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NEWS RELEASE

DATE: June 8, 2011
RELEASE: IMMEDIATELY
CONTACT PERSON: Sheriff Dennis Conard
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SUBJECT: Angela Marie Hennes Murder Investigation

County Attorney Mike Walton's Office has issued a warrant for the arrest of one Chad Michael Lee Welsh (M W DOB March 24th of 1978) charging him with Murder in the First Degree and Abuse of a Corpse, in the death of Angela Marie Hennes (F W DOB November 4th of 1965). Bond has been set at \$1,000,000.00.

On January 13th, 2007, at approximately 3:15pm, human remains were found along the side of a Class B road in the 15000 block of 100th Avenue in rural Scott County. The victim [who was nude, badly burned, with injuries to the facial area, died of strangulation] was identified through fingerprints. DNA evidence was collected and entered into the FBI's CODIS Database (Combined DNA Index System) which later resulted in a match to the defendants DNA. Tire impressions located at the scene, where Angela's body was found, are consistent with the tires from a vehicle driven by the defendant during the time of Angela's disappearance and death. The defendant has admitted to witnesses of physically assaulting, strangling and dragging a woman from a vehicle and leaving her on the side of the road in the Davenport area.

Chad Welsh is currently in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners located in Springfield Missouri, serving a 100 month sentence on Child Pornography Charges.

This arrest is the result of the efforts of numerous officers and agencies working together to solve a heinous crime. However, special recognition needs to go to the Lead Investigator from the Scott County Sheriff's Office Deputy Tara Dinneweth, DCI Agent Matt George, Sheriff's Office Evidence Technician Brian Staszewski and the DCI Crime Lab for their determination, expertise and the numerous hours they have spent investigating this homicide.

Angela's family has been notified and they wanted to express their appreciation for the work of law enforcement in bringing Angela's death investigation to a close and removing the defendant from the street.

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR SCOTT COUNTY

ADULT JUVENILE

Agency SCSO Report # 07-01804

THE STATE OF IOWA

Criminal No. 22R 329201

CITY OF _____

COMPLAINT AND AFFIDAVIT

VS

Co-Defendants: Yes No

Chad Michael Lee Welsh DOB 03-24-78 SS# _____

Defendant's Address: 1900 W. Sunshine Street Springfield, Missouri 65801

The defendant is accused of the crimes below charged in that the Defendant did:

COUNT I

on or about the 13th day of January 2007, at 15000 Block 100th Avenue, Scott County Iowa at 1530 o'clock p.m commit the crime of Murder 1st in violation of section 707.2(1) of the current Code of Iowa. Classification type: FE AG SR SM

COUNT II

on or about the 13th day of January 2007, at 15000 Block 100th Avenue, Scott County Iowa at 1530 o'clock p.m. commit the crime of Abuse of a Corpse in violation of section 708.14(2) of the current Code of Iowa. Classification type: FE AG SR SM

COUNT III

on or about the _____ day of _____ 200, at _____, Scott County Iowa at _____ o'clock _____ commit the crime of _____ in violation of section _____ of the current Code of Iowa. Classification type: FE AG SR SM

COUNT IV

on or about the _____ day of _____ 200, at _____, Scott County Iowa at _____ o'clock _____ commit the crime of _____ in violation of section _____ of the current Code of Iowa. Classification type: FE AG SR SM

COMPLAINANT Detective Dinneweth 82-47

STATE OF IOWA, County of Scott Ss:

AFFIDAVIT:

I, the undersigned state that the following facts known by me or told to me by other reliable persons form the basis for my belief that the Defendant committed these crimes.

On January 13, 2007 at approximately 1530 hours human remains were found along the side of a Class B road in the 15000 Block of 100th Avenue in rural Scott County. The victim was nude and badly burned. The victim was later identified through fingerprints and was identified as Angela Marie Hennes, date of birth November 4, 1965. The victim sustained injuries to her facial area and died as a result of strangulation. DNA evidence was collected at the time of autopsy in the form of seminal fluid. The DNA evidence collected was entered into the CODIS Database which later resulted in a match to the defendant, Chad Welsh's DNA. Tire impressions were located at the scene in the area where the victim's body was burned. Those tire impressions are consistent with tires from a vehicle driven by the defendant during the same time period. The defendant has admitted to physically assaulting, strangling and dragging a woman from a vehicle and leaving her on the side of the road in the Davenport area. The defendant set fire to the victim's body and attempt to destroy evidence.

WARRANT



BRYCE W. SCHMIDT
Commission Number 749097
My Commission Expires

09-26-2013

ACAMJW

Signature: J. Dinneweth 82-47

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 06 day of June, 2011

Notary Public: Bryce W. Schmidt

I state that this juvenile has been released to my custody by a law enforcement officer. As a condition of such release, I promise to bring the juvenile to JUVENILE COURT SERVICES at 428 Western, Davenport, IA when requested.

Complaint and Affidavit filed and probable cause found that the Defendant committed the offense charged.

Bond set at \$ \$1,000,000

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____
Phone: _____

Magistrate Disband Const Judge

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CODIS is a computer software program that operates local, State, and national databases of DNA profiles from convicted offenders, unsolved crime scene evidence, and missing persons. Every State in the Nation has a statutory provision for the establishment of a DNA database that allows for the collection of DNA profiles from offenders convicted of particular crimes. CODIS software enables State, local, and national law enforcement crime laboratories to compare DNA profiles electronically, thereby linking serial crimes to each other and identifying suspects by matching DNA profiles from crime scenes with profiles from convicted offenders. The success of CODIS is demonstrated by the thousands of matches that have linked serial cases to each other and cases that have been solved by matching crime scene evidence to known convicted offenders.

The missing persons index consists of the unidentified persons index and the reference index. The unidentified persons index contains DNA profiles from recovered remains, such as bone, teeth, or hair. The reference index contains DNA profiles from related individuals of missing persons so that they can be periodically compared to the unidentified persons index. All samples for this index are typed using mtDNA and STR DNA analysis (if possible) to maximize the power of advancing technology.

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