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### **Press Release – Arrest in Cold-Case Homicide Following Indictment**

On March 9, 2023, law enforcement arrested John Angerer (DOB: 7/28/69) in Anchorage, Alaska on a charge of Second Degree Murder for the murder of Angela Wilds in 2006.

On June 4, 2006, two hikers located a badly decomposing body in the South Saint Vrain Canyon, roughly 3.3 miles outside of Lyons in unincorporated Boulder County, Colorado. The body was completely nude, except for a cross ring on the left hand. The body appeared to have been dragged from a nearby shallow grave, presumably by a large predator. Deputies located a pair of yellow ski pants, a sleeping bag, and a pillow in a pillowcase, all neatly folded up near the gravesite. There was no information in the area that identified the victim. She remained unidentified for months.

In November of 2006, DNA analysis confirmed the woman's identity as Angela Wilds (DOB: 02/28/1968). Law enforcement conducted an extensive investigation. In 2009, the investigators connected John Angerer to the crime scene and, also, to the victim.

Detectives drafted an arrest warrant for Angerer. A judge authorized the arrest warrant. In 2010, Angerer was arrested and charged with Second Degree Murder. The case proceeded to a preliminary hearing on July 12, 2010. Following the preliminary hearing, a judge determined that the charge was not supported by probable cause and, as a result, dismissed the case. Following a dismissal at this juncture, an individual can be re-arrested and prosecuted if significant, new evidence is developed that supports a renewed prosecution.

For the past several years, investigators with the Boulder County Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office have continued to work on the case. That investigation has included identifying new witnesses, re-interviewing individuals previously known to law enforcement, consulting with forensic pathologists, and submitting further items to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation for testing and DNA analysis.



In cold case homicides in Boulder County, law enforcement and the DA's Office continue to work the investigation, identify witnesses, and seek to utilize the newest forms of technology and tools for forensic analysis. As a result of their efforts with this investigation, significant and new evidence has been developed.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation assisted with this investigation.

The District Attorney's Office presented the case to the Grand Jury. On February 16, 2023, the Grand Jury returned an indictment for the crime of Second Degree Murder. The indictment was sealed pending the arrest of the defendant. The defendant is now in custody in Alaska and the indictment has been unsealed. The court will conduct the extradition process in Alaska.

Boulder County Sheriff Curtis Johnson stated, "I am glad that we were able move our investigation into the homicide of Angela Wilds forward. I am proud that our detectives didn't give up on this cold case, we know Angela's family has been waiting a long time for this day to come. Her family is in our thoughts as we take the next steps in the judicial process."

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "We are determined to secure justice for the murder of Angela Wilds, some closure for her loved ones, and answers for our community. I am grateful for the tireless efforts and dedication of the investigators and prosecutors on this case. We sincerely appreciate the time and service of the grand jurors. Today's announcement is an important step; we are committed to the work ahead."

*As in every criminal case, these charges are merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty.*