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Two charged in murder of one-year-old child Oaklee Snow

Madison Marshall and Roan Waters left the victim's body in an abandoned structure

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears and Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Chief Randal Taylor have announced an update in the investigation in the death and disappearance of one-year-old Oaklee Snow. Today, Prosecutor Mears' office has filed charges against Madison Marshall and Roan Waters for their alleged roles in the death and disappearance of Marshall's one-year-old daughter, Oaklee. Roan Waters has been charged with multiple charges including Murder. Marshall has been charged with multiple charges including two counts of Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Death (Level 1 Felony) and Assisting a Criminal (Level 5 Felony).

"As parents we have a duty to protect our children. Not only did these two individuals fail to live up to that responsibility, but the allegations in the probable cause affidavit indicate that Oaklee suffered a horrific death and an abandonment that diminished the dignity that any child deserves," Prosecutor Mears stated. "I want to thank the multiple law enforcement agencies and our prosecutors who worked tirelessly to locate this child and seek justice on her behalf."

"This case is one of the most challenging types of cases for a community and for our investigators, said IMPD Chief Randal Taylor. "I want to thank the hard work the IMPD Missing Persons Unit detectives put into this investigation. When they learned there was a chance Oaklee Snow may have been in Indianapolis, detectives put in a tremendous amount of effort into locating her. I want to also thank all of the law enforcement agencies who assisted in this investigation, both in Indiana and across the country."

The charges announced today are a result of the collaborative investigation of multiple law enforcement agencies including the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Indiana State Police, Morgan County Sheriff's Office (IN) and law enforcement agencies in Oklahoma, Colorado, and North Carolina.

In January, Oaklee's biological father reported Oaklee and another child he has with Madison missing from his residence in Cromwell, Oklahoma. The father stated that Marshall and Waters took his children from his home and were allegedly heading to Indianapolis.

On March 3, 2023, Waters was located and arrested by the Greenwood Village Police Department (Colorado) on an outstanding warrant. It is believed that Marshall had been staying with Waters, but her and the children were not located with Waters at that time.

Investigators were able to track Marshall to North Carolina, where she was eventually located, arrested, and extradited to Marion County. During interviews with investigators, Marshall alleged that Waters killed Oaklee and that they moved her body to Morgan County (IN) in February. The victim's body was ultimately located in a dresser drawer of an abandoned structure in Morgan County, Indiana.

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A charge is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.