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BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

1905 Indianapolis Ave.
Lebanon, IN 46052

Sheriff Michael T. Nielsen



Missing Person Report Evolves into Domestic Homicide Investigation

March 26, 2022

On Friday, March 25, 2022 at 9:48am, the Boone County Sheriff's Office began investigating a missing person case. Upon receiving the initial call from a complainant stating that their co-worker, Nikki Wilhoite, did not report to work, deputies responded to the house to conduct a welfare check. The missing person was identified as Elizabeth "Nikki" Wilhoite, a 41-year-old white female from rural Lebanon. An exhaustive search of the area with K-9 bloodhounds and deputies continued for several hours and we were not able to locate Nikki. The investigation eventually evolved into a possible homicide investigation. At that time Sheriff Nielsen contacted the Indiana State Police to ask them to be the lead agency with the Sheriff's Office assisting them.

Sheriff Nielsen stated "When our investigators realized this could be a possible homicide investigation, we wanted to do discuss the best way to move forward with the investigation since the mother of Andrew Wilhoite is a County Councilwoman, another county elected official. To avoid any conflict of interest, it was decided to contact the Indiana State Police and ask them to lead the investigation and we would assist them. This is another prime example of working with our law enforcement partners to solve a horrendous crime. I cannot be prouder of our Investigations team, Crime Scene Investigations team, the entire Sheriff's Office staff, the Boone County Prosecutor's Office and the Indiana State Police Investigators. Please keep all families and first responders in your thoughts and prayers."

The investigation continued into the evening and eventually Andrew Wilhoite, 39 years old, Nikki's husband, was arrested for murder by the Indiana State Police and Nikki Wilhoite's body was found in a creek within a few miles of the Wilhoite residence.

See included Indiana State Police media release. Contact the Indiana State Police at (317) 232-0064 for any inquiries about the investigation.

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