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ARREST MADE IN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF DEE WARNER

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Tipton Township, Lenawee County: On Tuesday, November 21, 2023, detectives from the Michigan State Police First District Special Investigations Section made an arrest in connection with the disappearance and murder of Dee Warner. Dale John Warner, 53 years old, of Tipton Township was arrested at his home by MSP detectives. The arrest comes after approximately one year and eight months of investigation by the MSP First District Investigation Section. After hundreds of investigative hours by MSP detectives and working closely with the Lenawee County Prosecutors Office, charges were issued against Dale Warner for open murder and tampering with evidence. Dee Warner's body has yet to be found. She has been missing since April of 2021. "Working a no body homicide brings on unique challenges. The detectives on this case have done a phenomenal job with the investigation, and working collaboratively with the Lenawee County Prosecutor", Said Detective First Lieutenant Michael Dillon, Commander of the First District Special Investigative Section. "I have the utmost confidence in this case moving forward".

Dale Warner was arraigned this morning in the Lenawee County 2A District Court on a charge of open murder and tampering with evidence. Warner's bond was set at twenty million dollars. A hearing on Warner's bond is scheduled for Monday, November 27th. "I am extremely proud of the tireless work our detectives have put in to solve this case," said Captain Steve O'Neill, Commander First District Headquarters. "With incredible determination, they have pieced together a very difficult case culminating with an arrest. This arrest is another step in our investigation, and we will continue our efforts to bring closure to the family and to find Dee Warner's remains so that her family can lay her to rest."

Detectives will continue to pursue leads and tips pertaining to this investigation. If you have any information, you can contact the MSP Monroe Post at 734-242-3500. You do not have to leave your name.

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