



PRESS RELEASE

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Winona County Attorney's Office Announces Charges Against Adam Taylor Fravel

Winona, MN -- On June 9, 2023, the Winona County Attorney's Office, representing the State of Minnesota (the State), filed a criminal complaint in Winona County District Court against Adam Taylor Fravel charging him with 2nd Degree Intentional Murder and 2nd Degree Unintentional Murder in the death of Madeline Jane Kingsbury. Mr. Fravel made his First Appearance on these charges on June 9, 2023, before the Honorable Mary Leahy, Judge of District Court. The State requested unconditional bail in the amount of \$2 million; the Court granted bail in the amount of \$2 million unconditional and \$1 million conditional.

Mr. Fravel was charged with the murder of Madeline Jane Kingsbury, who lived with Mr. Fravel and their two children in the City of Winona. Ms. Kingsbury went missing on March 31, 2023, under suspicious circumstances. On June 7, 2023, the body of Ms. Kingsbury was found by a Fillmore County Sheriff's deputy in a heavily wooded area near Mabel, Minnesota, in Fillmore County.

Since Ms. Kingsbury had gone missing, massive and numerous searches to look for her were organized by the Winona County Emergency Management Office. Several thousand members of local communities, along with members of the Winona Police Department, the Winona County and Fillmore County Sheriff's Offices, and other law enforcement agencies participated in these searches. The Winona Police Department also launched an immediate investigation of Ms. Kingsbury's disappearance with the assistance of other law enforcement agencies, including the Winona County Sheriff's Office, the Fillmore County Sheriff's Office, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and the Southeast MN Violent Crimes Enforcement Team.

Prior to Ms. Kingsbury's body being found, the Winona County Attorney's Office, on behalf of the Winona County Department of Health and Human Services, filed a Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) case involving the children of Madeline Kingsbury because their mother was missing and Mr. Fravel was not a custodial parent.

At present, this CHIPS matter is still an open and active case. Winona County still retains temporary custody of the children. The children were placed with Madeline's father. This placement will remain unchanged until the CHIPS court makes a determination at a later date.

Regarding the criminal case matter, the Court set the next hearing date for July 20, 2023, at 1:45 PM. At this time, Mr. Fravel remains in custody. A copy of the criminal complaint, this Press Release, and the Press Release regarding the CHIPS case can be downloaded from the Winona County Attorney's website at <https://www.co.winona.mn.us/512/Press-Releases-Memoranda>.

The complaint filed in this case is not evidence of a crime. Mr. Fravel is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

We kindly request the public's cooperation in respecting the privacy of Madeline Kingsbury's children, Madeline's parents, and her siblings during this heartbreaking time for the family.

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