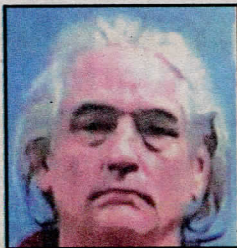


One charged with murder in Geneva

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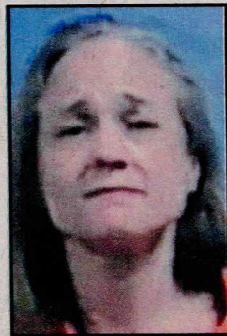
A Geneva man is charged with murder after an apparent domestic incident led to violence.

The Geneva Police Department arrested Charles Leon Davis,



Davis

58, for the murder of Holly Jennifer Helmers, 48, after a call was received by Geneva County 911 at about 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, about reported domestic violence at 104 S. Ward St.



Helmers

At a press conference Thursday, Geneva Police Chief Tony Clemmons said that officers were looking for the residence when Davis flagged them down. He told police that Helmers was not breathing and CPR was attempted. Geneva County Coroner Hagler Ward said that Helmers was pronounced dead that evening at Wiregrass Medical Center.

same evening and was taken to the Geneva County Jail. Lead investigator, Capt. Ricky Morgan of the Geneva Police Department, said that the preliminary autopsy on Thursday by the state Department of Forensics showed that Helmers died of strangulation.

Warrants were signed on Davis Friday morning, Morgan said, and he appeared before District Judge Stephen Smith on the same day. Smith set bail at \$250,000. Investigation continues into the incident.

Davis has reportedly confessed to the crime.

One charged with receiving stolen property 1st: Geneva Sheriff's Department has charged a Geneva County man with receiving stolen property 1st.

Sheriff Tony Helms reported that Stephen Brian Williams allegedly stole a pressure washer valued at \$2,595 last week. Information was developed by GCSO deputies that the pressure washer was at Williams' residence, and two deputies "rolled up" as Williams was attempting to sell the pressure washer and he was placed under arrest. The pressure washer was returned to the owner.

"It was a bad deal," Helms said.

Stabbing in Bonifay: At approximately 3:55 am on November 27 the Bonifay Police Department and Holmes County EMS responded to a report of a stabbing at 100 Judy Lucas Drive, Apt. D4. Upon arrival, a white

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female was found to have been stabbed multiple times by an unknown assailant. The victim was transported to Doctor's Memorial Hospital for treatment.

to items collected at the crime scene.

If anyone has information concerning this or any other crime, please call Crime Stoppers of Holmes County at 1-866-689-8477 or the Bonifay Police Department at 850-547-3661.

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