

1990 Homicide



Investigators arrested **Carl E. Harris Jr.**, 51, on Tuesday in South Carolina in the 1990 death of his former wife, Tracy Harris.

Daleville man charged in former wife's death

BY MATT ELOFSON

melofson@dothaneagle.com

Ozark police have arrested a Daleville man and charged him in the 26-year-old cold case killing of his former wife.

Ozark Police Chief Marlos



Tracy Harris

Walker said police investigators arrested 51-year-old Carl E. Harris Jr. on Tuesday and charged him with felony murder in the death of Tracy Harris.

Walker said that in January, police reopened the investigation into the death of Tracy Harris in 1990. He said she was initially reported missing to local law enforcement, and then sometime later, her body was found near Woodham's Bridge in the Choctawhatchee River, just off Dale County Road 20.

Walker said investigators were able to locate multiple witnesses who provided information that led to developing a person of interest in the investigation.

"We'd been reviewing cold cases in general, and we decided to go ahead and start working on that one," Walker said. "They had a person of interest in there, and we wanted to do a quick preliminary determination ... and it just caught fire as soon as we went to work on it."

Walker declined to say how the victim died or what evidence helped police solve the cold-case homicide.

"Witness testimony is going to be a large part of it, and then there are some other things that

1990

From Page 1A

I can't divulge right now," Walker said.

Police arrested Harris in South Carolina on Tuesday. Walker said Harris had been living in South Carolina for the past two months.

According to an Ozark police statement, several law enforcement agencies assisted in the investigation, including the York County Sheriff's Office in South Carolina, the Dale County Sheriff's Office and the Daleville Police Department.

Harris was booked into the Dale County Jail on the felony murder charge. His bail is set at \$75,000.