1990 Homicide

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Charge: Domestic violence murder

Court records: 'Hands and other means' used in ex-wife's killing

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Court records show the charge brought earlier this week against a Daleville man in the 1990 death of his ex-wife was domestic violence murder.



Harris

Ozark police arrested 51-year-old Carl E. Harris Jr. on Tuesdayandcharged him with killing his former wife, Tracy Harris.

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Records show police charged Carl Harris with "using his hands and other means" between the dates of March 7 and 14, 1990. Tracy Harris initially was reported missing to local law enforcement, and then her body was found March 14, 1990, near Woodham's Bridge in the Choctawhatchee River just off Dale County Road 20.

Ozark Police Chief Marlos Walker said police investigators reopened the investigation into Tracy Harris's death in January. Walker said investigators were able to locate

multiple witnesses who provided information that led to developing a person of interest in the investigation. Police declined to release any information about the motive and manner in which the victim died. Walker called witness statements a large part of their investigation in the homicide.

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

Harris was booked into the Dale County Jail and held on \$75,000 bail.

If convicted, Harris faces 10 to 99 years or life in prison for the Class A felony crime of felony murder-domestic violence.