

Cold-case murder suspect now charged with sodomizing child

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A man charged recently with killing his wife in a 26-year-old cold case in Ozark now faces an additional felony charge of sodomizing a child.



Harris

According to an Ozark police statement, police arrested 51-year-old Carl E. Harris Jr. and charged him with felony first-degree sodomy of a minor child. The police statement said the discovery of the sex crime came up while police

investigated the cold case murder of Harris' wife, Tracy Harris.

"While conducting this investigation investigators learned that sometime during 1990 the listed suspect had sexual contact with a minor child," the statement said.

Harris was released from custody at the Dale County Jail after posting \$60,000 bail.

Ozark police arrested Harris on Sept. 14 and charged him with felony domestic-violence murder in connection with the death of his wife, Tracy Harris. Authorities arrested Harris in South Carolina. He posted his \$75,000 bail on the murder charge on Sept. 29.

Records show police charged Harris with "using his hands and other means" to kill his wife between the dates of March 7 and 14, 1990.

Tracy Harris was initially reported missing to local law enforcement. Her body was found on March 14, 1990, near Woodham's Bridge in the Choctawhatchee River, just off Dale County Road 20 in Dale County.

Ozark Police Chief Marlos Walker said during the month of January 2016 police investigators reopened the investigation into Tracy Harris' death. Walker said investigators were able to locate multiple witnesses who provided information that led to developing a person of interest in the investigation.