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FCSO Cold Case Unit Solves First Case - Arrest made in Manslaughter Case from 2018

On December 5, 2018 Kim Zaheer (DOB: 3/23/1957) had called 9-1-1 to report her 85-year-old mother, Frances King, needed an ambulance and that she was "not breathing." FCSO deputies and paramedics arrived at the residence and discovered King deceased. Further investigation discovered that King was extremely malnourished and appeared to have not eaten in a long time. Deputies also noted the living conditions inside King's bedroom were "extremely bad" and the odor of feces and urine was unbearable.



Kim Zaheer (DOB: 3/23/1957)

The District 23 Medical Examiner's Office was contacted and an autopsy was completed. The cause of death was determined to be "Severe Emaciation and Emphysematous Cystitis" due to "Elder Abuse, Neglect and Starvation." The Medical Examiner ruled King's death a Homicide.

The initial investigation stalled when Detectives encountered difficulty obtaining medical and legal records to

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establish the victim had a diminished mental capacity and Zaheer was the legally responsible party for her care.

In the summer of 2020, Sheriff Staly created a dedicated full-time Cold Case Unit, the first full-time Cold Case Unit in agency history, to focus on unsolved sex crimes, missing persons, homicides and any other unsolved violent crime where the statute of limitations had not expired making prosecution impossible.

Detective Andrew Cangialosi was selected as the first full-time Cold Case Detective and works closely with the FCSO Crime Scene Unit, the 7th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office Homicide Investigations Unit, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Florida Sheriff's Association Cold Case Advisory Committee and the Medical Examiner's Office.

In March of 2020, Detective Cangialosi was assigned the Frances King Manslaughter case. The investigation into King's death continued and Detective Cangialosi was eventually able to locate a "Certificate of Incapacity" and that King's daughter, Zaheer, was the "Primary Care Surrogate" for King at the time of her death. It was also determined that the last time King visited her Primary Care doctor was in November 2017.

On March 31st, 2021, Cold Case Detective Cangialosi obtained an arrest warrant for, Kim Zaheer (DOB: 3/23/1957), for Aggravated Manslaughter.

"Cases like these and the small list of other unsolved cases of homicides, missing persons, and sex crimes are what led to the creation of the Cold Case Unit," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "I am grateful that we were able to arrest the suspect in this case and hopefully this can offer some closure to family and friends of the victim. If you are responsible for a human being's care you must take care of them. No matter how long it takes we will continue these investigations to hold people accountable for their crimes."

On March 31, 2021, FCSO arrested Zaheer and transported her to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. She is charged with Manslaughter of an Elderly Disabled Adult and is being held on a \$500,000.00 bond.

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