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Murder Arrest

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On October 27, 2017, at 3:37 p.m., the Elgin police received a call reporting a missing woman in the area of Littleton Trail, Elgin. Gail S. Peck, 76-years-old, was reported as missing by her son, Brian M. Peck, 55-years-old, who lived with her in a home in the 700 block of Littleton Trail. Brian reported that his mother had gone for a walk with her dog and the dog returned to the home without her. Members of the Elgin Police Department responded and conducted a comprehensive search of the area over the course of many hours. The search efforts included the use of all-terrain vehicles, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Hanover Township Emergency Services Team, an Elgin drone, a helicopter from Cook County and officers on foot. Many residents in that area provided information and assisted with attempting to locate Gail.

As the search efforts were occurring, detectives were investigating the case. Information received began to suggest that Gail Peck's disappearance may not have occurred as reported. As additional information was obtained, more investigative resources were devoted to the possibility of the case being criminal in nature. Detectives from the investigative divisions, along with officers from our Evidence Response Team and Technical Investigation Unit, worked diligently and continually to follow up on many leads. The home of Gail and Brian Peck was also extensively searched after detectives received a search warrant.

On October 28, 2017, Elgin detectives learned of a body discovered in a lagoon area near Lincoln Park in Chicago. Chicago Police Department detectives were contacted and began working with our detectives as to the possibility that the body found was Gail Peck. Evidence that the body was that of Gail Peck was obtained after thorough research by investigators, and DNA testing is also currently being conducted to verify this evidence. The facts of the case were reviewed by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and Brian Peck was charged with crimes relating to the murder, dismemberment and concealment of his mother Gail Peck. The following charges were authorized:

720 ILCS 5/9-1(a)(1) – First degree murder (premeditation)

720 ILCS 5/9-1(a)(2) – First degree murder (great probability of death)

720 ILCS 5/9-3.4 – Concealment of a Homicidal Death

Brian Peck will appear at Cook County Court, 2121 Euclid Ave, Rolling Meadows on October 31, 2017 at 1:30p.m. for his bond hearing.



Brian M. Peck

The public is reminded that an arrest is not evidence of guilt and that all defendants in a Criminal case are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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