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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS BRIDGEPORT MAN FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER

BRIDGEPORT – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 8 Special Agents arrested 28-year-old Elijah W.D. Hooker of Bridgeport, IL after his wife was fatally shot in their residence.

On January 29, 2026, the Bridgeport Police Department requested ISP's assistance with a death investigation in the 700 block of Washington Street. Officers found the deceased victim, 37-year-old Omni Hooker, in the residence suffering from a fatal gunshot wound. Elijah Hooker was taken into custody on scene.

On February 2, 2026, after a thorough investigation, ISP Special Agents presented the case to the Lawrence County State's Attorney's Office and the charge of First Degree Murder (Class M Felony) was filed. Elijah Hooker remains in custody at the Lawrence County Jail. There is no further information.



Elijah W.D. Hooker (M/28)

The charge is not evidence against the defendant, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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