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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE MAKES ARREST IN 42-YEAR HOMICIDE COLD CASE AND SEEKS THE PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE

JOPPA – An Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Zone 7 homicide investigation resulted in the arrest of 76-year-old George E. Bradfield of Owensboro, Kentucky after an extensive investigation that spanned over four decades.

On March 30, 1984, the body of 26-year-old Lisa Ann Carnes was discovered in a field in rural Massac County. She died as the result of a single gunshot wound. On April 22, 2026, the Massac County State's Attorney's Office charged Bradfield with five counts of Murder.

The Massac County Sheriff's Office, the Owensboro (KY) Police Department, the FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit, and Parabon NanoLabs Inc., with funding from EWU Media LLC, assisted with the investigation.

ISP is continuing its investigation and is seeking the public's assistance. If you have information about this incident or about Bradfield, please contact ISP.

Tips or information about this case or Bradfield can be submitted via email directly to ISP at ISP.CRIMETIPS@illinois.gov, or by calling ISP at 618-542-1486 and 618-542-2171 ext. 1202. Individuals providing information can remain anonymous.



George E. Bradfield (M/72)



Bradfield (picture taken 1980's)

The charges are 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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