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MURDER SUSPECT IN CUSTODY AFTER 33 YEARS

On June 9, 1973 at about 5:15 P.M., deputies of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office responded to 6696 South Lafayette Street, the home of Elizabeth and Herbert Duane Frye, regarding an "ambulance investigation". The initial investigation reported that Mrs. Elizabeth Katherine Frye (age 48 at the time of her death), was found by her husband, bludgeoned to death in the garage of their residence. Members of the Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation, however the murder suspect was never brought to justice.

In the spring of 2005, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office assigned investigators the responsibility of "cold case" investigations. The COLD CASE squad is responsible for the review and further investigation of all unsolved Sheriff's Office homicide cases. One such case being investigated by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Squad was the death of Elizabeth Frye. In August 2006, Sheriff's Investigators along with members of the Arapahoe County District Attorney's Office worked in partnership regarding the Frye homicide investigation.

In September 2006, Sheriff's investigators traveled to five different cities throughout the United States in order to simultaneously contact individuals believed to possess information regarding the Frye homicide. Information regarding the death of Elizabeth Katherine Frye was presented to the Arapahoe County Grand Jury during December 2006. After deliberation, the Arapahoe County Grand Jury has issued a "True Bill" indicting Herbert Duane Frye, Elizabeth Frye's husband, for the 1973 death of Mrs. Frye. The suspect is identified as:

Herbert Duane Frye, Age 81

DOB: 05/30/1925

12872 S.E. 97 Terrace Road

Summerfield, Florida 34401

(Photo Attached)

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As the result of the Grand Jury Indictment, Herbert Duane Frye is charged with the following criminal violations:

C.R.S. (1971) 40-3-102 Murder in the first degree, a Class 1 Felony.

A Class 1 Felony in 1971 is punishable, upon conviction, by life imprisonment within the Department of Corrections.

C.R.S. (1971) 40-3-103 Murder in the second degree, a Class 2 Felony.

A Class 2 Felony in 1971 is punishable, upon conviction, by incarceration of ten (10) to fifty (50) years within the Department of Corrections.

On January 9, 2007, Herbert Duane Frye appeared in Arapahoe County District Court, where he was advised of the criminal charges. Herbert Duane Frye posted a \$100,000 bond and was released.



Herbert Duane Frye

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