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## **UPDATE:** Homicide investigation in Rush County leads to multiple arrests

RUSH COUNTY – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) Special Agents made multiple arrests connected to the January 2022 murder of 61-year-old Leslie Randa.

Jennifer Page Stipe, 48, and Darin Lee McBee, 58, both of 325 Marla St. in Great Bend, Kan. were arrested on Friday, March 4 just before 8:30 p.m. Stipe was arrested for first degree murder. McBee was arrested for multiple felonies related to the murder. The arrest took place at Lowe's Home Improvement parking lot at 1930 East 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Hutchinson, Kan.

The missing 2006 GMC Envoy has been located.

The Kansas Attorney General is expected to prosecute the case. Nothing further will be released at this time.

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## **UPDATE:** Homicide investigation in Rush County

RUSH COUNTY – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and the Rush County Sheriff's Office released photos of the vehicle they are searching for connected to a homicide that occurred in Rush County.

The death of 61-year-old Leslie Randa, of La Crosse, has now been determined to be a homicide. Investigators continue to search for Randa's black 2006 GMC Envoy with Kansas tag

463HAE. The front grill guard is chrome. The vehicle was observed in Wichita after Randa was killed, and may still be in the Wichita area.

If anyone saw this SUV on January 11, or after, please contact the KBI at 1-800-KSCRIME, or the Rush County Sheriff's Office at 785-222-2578.

The investigation is ongoing.





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EARLIER RELEASE January 21, 2022 Contact: Nicole Hamm (785) 296-8256 nicole.hamm@kbi.ks.gov

## KBI and Rush County Sheriff's office conducting death investigation in Rush County

RUSH COUNTY—The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and the Rush County Sheriff's Office are conducting an investigation into the death of a male from La Crosse, Kan. Preliminary indications are the death is a result of homicide.

Leslie Randa, 61, was discovered in his home, located at 205 E 5<sup>th</sup> St in La Crosse, Kan. Randa was found by a family member who then contacted 911 at 1:39 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21. The Rush County Sheriff's Office contacted the KBI for assistance with this investigation at approximately 2:10 p.m. KBI agents and the Crime Scene Response team responded.

Randa's vehicle is missing. Randa owns a black 2006 GMC Envoy with Kan. plate 463HAE. The front grill guard is chrome in color. Law Enforcement is requesting the public's assistance. If you have any information about this crime or the location of the vehicle, please contact the Rush County Sheriff's office at 785-222-2578 or the KBI at 1-800-KSCRIME.

An autopsy will be performed Saturday, Jan 22.

The investigation is ongoing. No further information will be released at this time.

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