

On September 19th, 2023 the Jackson County Sheriff's Department responded to 3287 N State Road 135, Freetown Indiana after the owner, Marsha Allen, reported her residence had been burglarized. Steven White and Nathaniel Napier were arrested for the burglary, and Steven White told me about a conversation he had with Ashley Jones, daughter of Marsha Allen. In this conversation, Ashley Jones informed Steven that Marsha had murdered Marsha's husband, Harold Allen, by poisoning. Ashley also recruited Steven to burglarize Marsha's house.

On September 20th, 2023, Det. Clint Burcham spoke with Marsha Allen. Marsha denied killing her husband and consented to a download of her phone. In Marsha's cell phone there were many text messages, beginning in November, 2022, between Marsha and Ashley in which the two discussed poisoning Harold. Ashley was living with Marsha at 3287 N State Road 135, Freetown Indiana until some time after Harold died on December 20, 2022.

In one of the text messages Marsha tells Ashley that Martha needs foxglove seeds. (Foxglove is an ornamental plant with vivid flowers, all parts of the plant are toxic, and death can result from ingestion.) Ashley then texted Marsha that foxglove seeds are traceable. These text messages took place on November 27th, 2022.

According to medical records obtained from the Jackson County Coroner's office Harold was seen at Schneck Medical Center on November 27th, 2022. The stated complaint is numbness on the left side of his face, also known as Parasthesia. Harold also visited the Schneck Medical Center on November 30th, 2022, with the stated complaints as vomiting, diarrhea, fever, and chills, with the chief complaint listed as gastrointestinal issue. Symptoms of foxglove poisoning include stomach pain, vomiting, and diarrhea.

This officer reviewed Marsha's Google account, obtained through a search warrant. Marsha's Google account showed searches related to Foxglove on November 27th, 2022. Some of the searches included the following: "what happens if you eat foxglove seeds", "How much foxglove is fatal", "How long does foxglove take to kill you." These google searches were performed around the same time Marsha sent the text to Ashley saying she needs foxglove seeds.

On December 2, 2022, Ashley texted Marsha, "You can't touch the plant." They then texted each other that they will need to wear gloves to handle the plant. Ashley also texted to Marsha, "I know I need to wear gloves and have some time alone to prepare the root."

In this time frame, Marsha and Ashley decided to use ethylene glycol to poison and kill Harold Allen. Ethylene glycol is a colorless, odorless, sweet-tasting compound used in consumer products, including antifreeze. Ingestion of ethylene glycol can result in death in humans.

Detective JL McElfresh found a December 13, 2022 order for ethylene glycol that was made to Chemboys LLC. The order has the billing to Lynn Allen and the address to 3287 SR-135 Freetown, IN 47235 and the shipping is to the same. Marsha's middle name is Lynn. The order also has a phone number listed, and the phone number is the same number that Ashley used to text Marsha. The item ordered is "Ethylene Glycol-Highly Pure EG-0.5 gallon (64 Fl Oz)" and the cost was \$31.99. Notes attached to the order notes contain tracking number 1Z0425WX0303744149" Ashley sent the same tracking number via text to Marsha on December 14th 2022.

In text messages between Ashley and Marsha following the date of the order Ashley and Marsha discuss when the order will arrive. On December 19th, 2022, Ashley sends Marsha a message saying, "The mail is here :)." Marsha "loved" the image, which means that she responded to Ashley's text with a heart emoji.

Later on December 19th, 2022, Marsha sends a text to Ashley telling her, "Hes (sic) all in for root beer floats." In another text message Ashley tells Marsha that she (Ashley) will tell the kids that's what they are doing tonight for dessert, root beer floats. Marsha also sends a picture of root beer to Ashley. Ashley and Marsha also discuss through text messages the size of the cans of root beer.

On December 20th, 2022, at what I believe is 7:55 AM, Marsha sends a text message asking Ashley to come here please. On December 20th, 2022, at 1:59 p.m. the Jackson County Sheriff's Department received a report of an unconscious person from 3287 N SR 135 Freetown, IN 47235. Based upon Ashley Jones's statements to police, it is believed that Harold Jones was dead before the emergency call was placed. Deputies with the Sheriff's Department along with other first responders responded. Harold Allen, Jr (D.O.B 09/29/1970) was pronounced dead. At the time of Harold's death, no foul play was suspected.

After reviewing these text messages and the order for ethylene glycol, officers obtained and executed a search warrant to seize electronic devices on October 16, 2023, at Marsha's residence at 3287 N State Road 135 Freetown, Indiana. While other officers executed the search warrant, Marsha came to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department with Det. Clint Burcham and I where we interviewed her. Marsha denied killing Harold, and Det. Burcham transported Marsha back to her residence.

Later on October 16th, 2023 Marsha's parents came to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department due to being unable to make contact with Marsha. Deputies with the Sheriff's Department responded to Marsha's residence where Marsha was discovered deceased. The investigation into Marsha's death is ongoing, but suicide is suspected.

Officers arrested Ashley for burglary at her residence in Missouri on October 3, 2023. Ashley remained in custody in Missouri until she was transported to Indiana and booked into the Jackson County Jail on the Burglary case in the evening hours of October 16th, 2023. On October 17th, 2023, Det. Clint Burcham and I interviewed Ashley. During the interview Ashley told us that Marsha put the root of the Foxglove into chili and a brownie. Ashley advised the Foxglove was ordered by either her or Marsha, but Ashley couldn't remember which one of them ordered it. Ashley advised the Foxglove was ordered through an online company called Etsy. Ashley also stated neither she nor Marsha had an Etsy account, so the Foxglove was ordered using a guest log in. Ashley also advised she had ordered the Ethylene Glycol but claimed it was Marsha who put it in the root beer float. Ashley advised Marsha told her that Harold drank all the root beer float. When asked about the December 20th, 2022, 7:55 AM text message where Marsha asked Ashley to come here, Ashley said that Marsha told her that Harold acted drunk and loopy. Five hours passed before Marsha called an ambulance, by which time Harold was deceased.

Officers obtained a search warrant for Steven White's phone. In July 27, 2023 text messages between Ashley Jones and Steven White, they discuss their plan to burglarize Marsha Allen's residence. Ashley wrote,

Ahahah yeah she ain't gonna be able to do shit she wouldn't even have succeeded with this last thing without me I planned it all.

She was gonna use insulin like 1983 oh it's not traced

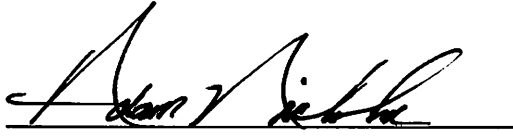
Yeah not usually and not years ago but 2022 yeah it is and he was diabetic like come on

So something else was hatched and we both know that bitch wasn't the one planning
ect she just fucking fucked it all up made it less lucrative wouldn't even make it go get a
will

She couldn't get into a dead man's phone without me to get all his retirements and
savings he had hidden hell she got 4500 from his PayPal cc cause I showed her how to
scam it as him before they find he's gone she's fake af

She didn't gimme shit out of that

I affirm under the penalties of perjury that the above information is true and correct to the best of my
knowledge and belief, this 25th day of October, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Nicholson", written over a horizontal line.

Lt. Adam Nicholson
Jackson County Sheriff's Office