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**Lincoln County Prosecuting Attorney Refiles Charges In Pam Hupp Murder Case To Seek Change Of Venue**

The Prosecuting Attorney of Lincoln County refiled charges today in the Pam Hupp murder case. First-degree murder charges were first filed against Pam Hupp in February 2022 in connection with the 2011 death of Betsy Faria. The purpose of refiled the charges is to seek a venue that is closer to Lincoln County, which will allow for more efficient delivery of justice.

Lincoln County Prosecuting Attorney Mike Wood offers the following statement explaining the action:

Last November, I agreed to the defense team's request that the Pamela Hupp murder trial be moved to Green County. I agree that a change of venue from Lincoln County – the scene of the crimes – is still appropriate. However, as my office has continued its in-depth planning to conduct what we estimate will be a month-long trial, it is more and more apparent that the physical distance between the scene of the crimes and Green County will cause cumbersome and inefficient delivery of justice.

The distance between Green County and Lincoln County will naturally impact my office and its operations – and my duty as Prosecuting Attorney is to be a responsible steward of the resources entrusted to me. While that duty is a strong consideration in refiled and seeking a change in venue, it is not the only factor. More important is the emotional and financial impact the distance will have on witnesses and the loved ones of Betsy Faria. Many of the witnesses we will call upon to testify have been involved in this case for well over a decade. Additionally, Betsy Faria's loved ones have also waited for well over a decade for true justice to be delivered in this matter. If possible, we should seek to make the burden these parties have been forced to shoulder a bit more manageable and have them avoid the time, cost, and stress of traveling to a location hundreds of miles away over multiple weeks.

Though the timing of the trial is always up to the judge – and we will respect whatever decision is made – we do not believe the refiled will impact the timeline for trying the case.

While I have every confidence that a Green County jury would have delivered appropriate justice, I believe we have the ability to find an impartial jury much closer to home – a jury that will allow for more efficient and less burdensome delivery of justice.