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Arrest on Melissa Ostrom Homicide

Bloomington, IL - On Monday, 04/17/23, Melissa Ostrom was reported missing. After an extensive search, a female body, later determined to be Melissa, was located on Wednesday, 4/19/23. On Friday, 4/21/23, the results of an autopsy conducted by McLean County Coroner, Kathy Yoder's office, concluded the preliminary cause of death for Melissa Ostrom was strangulation.

On Wednesday, 04/26/2023, Joshua D. Livingston, 41, Danvers, was indicted for 1st degree murder for his involvement in the death of Melissa.

At the time of the indictment, Livingston was being held at the McLean County Jail. At the time of this release bond information is not available.

Livingston was charged with:

FIRST DEGREE MURDER (3 counts)
POSSESSION OF A STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE (2 counts)
CONCEALMENT OF A HOMICIDAL DEATH
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO STATE SUPPORTED PROPERTY

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The circumstances behind this incident are still under investigation. Anyone with information should contact Detective P. Diaz at 309-434-2532 or pdiaz@cityblm.org or Detective B. Merritt at bmerritt@cityblm.org or 309-434-2359.

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