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HOMICIDE

Update (5/11/12):

Detectives from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department have charged Nicole Okrzesik, W/F, 5/13/89, a Florida resident, in connection with the murder of Juliana Mensch.

On May 10th, 2012, Okrzesik was taken into custody by members of the Port Saint Lucie Police Department and the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force based out of Saint Lucie County. Okrzesik was arrested in Port Saint Lucie.

Detectives believe that Okrzesik assisted James Ayers in the brutal strangulation death of Mensch.

Okrzesik is being charged with one count of First Degree Murder.

Okrzesik is currently in the custody of the Saint Lucie County Sheriff's Office and is awaiting extradition back to Broward County.

If anyone has any further information regarding the murder of Juliana Mensch, please contact Detective James Jagers at 954-828-5970 or Detective Mark Shotwell at 954-828-5517.



Nicole Okrzesik
W/F, 5/13/89

(Booking Photo Courtesy of Saint Lucie County Sheriff's Office)

Original (3/30/12):

In the early morning hours of March 29th, 2012, Broward Sheriff's Office detectives contacted Fort Lauderdale Police homicide detectives regarding a homicide that had occurred at 1102 Northwest 7th Terrace in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Broward Sheriff's Office detectives had learned that James Anthony Ayers, W/M, 8/24/79, contacted a friend on March 28th, 2012, stating that he had killed a White female named "Julie" on March 23rd, 2012. Ayers was located in Plantation, Florida, on March 28th, 2012, and was later taken into custody for questioning by Broward Sheriff's Office detectives.

After a thorough investigation, Broward Sheriff's Office detectives located Ayers' residence, which was in the City of Fort Lauderdale. Broward Sheriff's Office detectives located what appeared to be a decomposing body in Ayers' residence at 1102 Northwest 7th Terrace and immediately contacted the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. Fort Lauderdale detectives responded to the scene and later confirmed that the decomposing body was that of the victim, Juliana Mensch, W/F, 19 y.o.a., a New Jersey resident.

The manner in which Mensch was murdered is still under investigation. Ayers' motive is also still under investigation. Ayers has been charged with one count of Murder in the First Degree and is currently being held at the Broward County Main Jail.

This is still an active investigation and detectives are urging anyone with more information regarding the murder of Juliana Mensch to contact Detective Mark Shotwell at 954-828-5517 or Detective James Jaggars at 954-828-5970.



James Ayers

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