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Runnemede Man Charged with the Murder of His Girlfriend

Runnemede, N.J.- A Runnemede man has been arrested and charged for the murder of his girlfriend, reported Camden County Prosecutor Grace C. MacAulay, New Jersey State Police Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, and Cape May County Prosecutor Jeffrey Sutherland.

Christopher Blevins, 45, is charged with first-degree Murder in reference to the death of 50-year-old Laura Hughes of Runnemede.

On December 22, 2024, the body of a deceased woman was discovered in a refrigerator in the Belleplain State Forest in Cape May County, NJ. The woman was later identified as Ms. Hughes.

Following an investigation by the New Jersey State Police Major Crime Unit – South and the Cape May County Prosecutor’s Office Major Crimes Unit, Blevins was charged on January 3, 2025, with second-degree Desecration of Human Remains and third-degree Hindering Apprehension in Cape May County.

On January 13, 2025, New Jersey State Police detectives were advised that Blevins had been apprehended in San Diego, California, and he was lodged in a correctional facility there.

Blevins was ultimately charged with first-degree Murder in Camden County on January 29, 2025. He remains held in a correctional facility in California, pending extradition back to New Jersey.

The New Jersey State Police Major Crime Unit – South was assisted in this investigation by the Camden County Prosecutor’s Office Homicide Unit and the Cape May County Prosecutor’s Office Major Crimes Unit.

“The pursuit of justice demands unwavering commitment, and this case exemplifies the dedication of every agency involved,” said Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police. “The interagency partnership between the New Jersey State Police Major Crime Unit, the Cape May County Prosecutor’s Office, and the Camden County Prosecutor’s Office was instrumental in uncovering the truth and ensuring those responsible are held accountable. Their relentless efforts and determination have brought us one step closer to justice for Ms. Hughes and her loved ones. While nothing can ever undo the pain of this tragic loss, we hope this outcome brings some measure of peace to her family and all

who cared for her. This case is a powerful reminder that no challenge is too great when agencies unite with a shared mission—to stand for victims and their families, ensuring their voices are never forgotten.”

“We are grateful for the dedication shown by all of the detectives and prosecutors who worked together to find the truth and hold the defendant accountable for the death of Laura Hughes,” said Camden County Prosecutor Grace C. MacAulay. “This was truly a collaborative effort and a major step forward in seeking justice for the family of Ms. Hughes.”

“The successful resolution of this case is a testament to the unwavering dedication and cooperation of all the investigative detectives involved,” said Cape May County Prosecutor Jeffrey Sutherland. “From the New Jersey State Police Major Crime Unit to the Cape May County Prosecutor’s Office Major Crimes Unit, and the Camden County Prosecutor’s Office, each agency worked seamlessly together to uncover the truth behind this tragic death. The commitment shown by these professionals, who went above and beyond, has led to charges that will help ensure justice for the victim and her loved ones. This case underscores the power of collaboration and the determination to bring perpetrators to justice, no matter the obstacles.”

All individuals charged with crimes are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.