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NEWS RELEASE

Charges Filed In Death of Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind

FARGO - Cass County State's Attorney Birch P. Burdick announces that Brooke Lynn Crews and William Henry Hoehn were each charged today with three counts relating to the death of Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind. The counts are as follows: Conspiracy to Commit Murder (class AA felony), Conspiracy to Commit Kidnapping (class A felony) and False Information (class A misdemeanor). The maximum punishment for a class AA felony is life imprisonment without parole. The maximum penalty for a class A felony is 20 years imprisonment, a \$20,000 fine, or both. The maximum penalty for a class A misdemeanor is 360 days, a \$3,000 fine, or both. A copy of the charging document is attached.

Crews and Hoehn are scheduled to make a first appearance in District Court in Cass County at 2:00PM today.

The lead investigating agency in this case is the Fargo Police Department, assisted by other regional law enforcement agencies.

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Note: Pursuant to the North Dakota Rules of Professional Conduct, the Comment to Rule 3.6 regarding Trial Publicity, you are informed that a criminal charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

IN DISTRICT COURT

EAST CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Defendant(s).

09-2017-CR-
SA#17-PC-01635

Count 3: FALSE INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT in violation of Section 12.1-11-03(1), 12.1-32-01(5) (CST # C00114), N.D.C.C. in that on or about August 19, 2017 to August 24, 2017: The defendant willfully gave false information to a law enforcement officer which the defendant knew to be false, and the information may have interfered with an investigation or may have materially misled a law enforcement officer to-wit: that on or about the above-stated date, the defendant, **WILLIAM HENRY HOEHN**, provided false information to police during an investigation on a missing person which the defendant new to be false and materially mislead the investigation.

Against the peace and dignity of the State of North Dakota.

State's Witnesses:

Det. Philip Swan
Det. Josh Loos
Officer Samuel Bollman

Dated: August 28, 2017

Penalty Section:

Count 1: 12.1-16-01(1)(a), 12.1-06-04, 12.1-32-01(1)

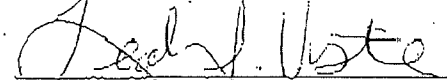
Class AA Felony

Count 2: 12.1-18-01(1)(f), 12.1-18-01(2), 12.1-32-01(2)

Class A Felony

Count 3: 12.1-11-03(1), 12.1-32-01(5)

Class A Misdemeanor



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Charging Summary

FPD# 2017-69177

Brooke Crews and William Hoehn,

On 8-19-17 Fargo Police responded to 2825 9th St N apartment number 2 for a report of a missing person. Norberta Greywind reported her daughter, Savanna Greywind, had gone to apartment #5 in the same building at approximately 1:30pm on 8-19-17 and never returned. Norberta also stated Savanna is 8 months pregnant.

Officers checked apartment number 5 numerous times and spoke with the residents Brooke Crews and William Hoehn multiple times but Savanna Greywind was not located.

Additional information obtained during the investigation led Officers to conduct a search warrant at 2825 9th St N apartment 5, the residence of Brooke Crews and William Hoehn, on 8-24-17. During the execution of that search warrant an infant child was discovered inside the apartment, along with Brooke Crews.

Brooke Crews was detained, and provided her Miranda warning by Detective Nick Kjonaas. She was transported to the Fargo Police Department for questioning. William Hoehn was located at work, detained, and provided his Miranda warning by Lt Shannon Ruziska. Hoehn was also transported to the Fargo Police Department for questioning.

Detectives Nick Kjonaas and Josh Loos spoke to William Hoehn who stated he arrived home from work on 8-19-17 at approximately 2:30pm to discover Brooke Crews cleaning up blood in their bathroom. Hoehn also stated Crews presented him with an infant baby girl stating, "This is our baby, this is our family". Hoehn admitted removing garbage bags containing bloody towels and his own bloody shoes from the apartment and disposing them in an apartment building dumpster at an unknown location in the city of West Fargo.

Brook Crews stated she arranged to have Savanna Greywind come to Crews and Hoehn's apartment on 8-19-17. Crews stated she then instructed Savanna Greywind on how to self-induce child birth by breaking her own water. Crews claimed Savanna Greywind then left her apartment, but returned at 3:30am on 8-21-17 and gave Crews an infant child.

Crews admitted she had taken advantage of Savanna Greywind in an attempt to obtain her child and possibly keep the child as her own. Crews also stated she had multiple opportunities to turn the child over to law enforcement or the Greywind family but did not, knowing that Savanna Greywind was reported as a missing person.

On 8-27-17 Savanna Greywind's body was discovered in the Red River encased in plastic bags.

Please consider charges of conspiracy to commit murder, conspiracy to commit kidnapping, and false information against Brooke Crews and William Hoehn for causing the death of Savanna Greywind and securing the infant child of Savanna Greywind in their apartment where the child was not likely to be found, and providing false information to the police. FPD# 2017-69177 FPD# 2017-69177

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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EAST CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State of North Dakota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

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INFORMATION

09-2017-CR-

SA#17-PC-01636

The Cass County State's Attorney charges that the above-named defendant(s) committed the following offense in Cass County, North Dakota:

Count 1: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER in violation of Section 12.1-16-01(1)(a), 12.1-06-04, 12.1-32-01(1) (CST # C00174), N.D.C.C. in that on or about August 19, 2017 to August 24, 2017: The defendant agreed with one or more persons to engage in or cause conduct which, in fact, constituted the crime of Murder by intentionally or knowingly causing the death of another human being, and any one or more of such persons did an overt act to effect an objective of the conspiracy to-wit: that on or about the above-stated date, the defendant, **BROOKE LYNN CREWS**, conspired with William Henry Hoehn to murder Savanna Marie LaFontaine-Greywind in order to obtain her fetal child so that the child could be raised as the biological child of Crews and Hoehn.

Count 2: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT KIDNAPPING in violation of Section 12.1-18-01(1)(f), 12.1-18-01(2), 12.1-32-01(2) (CST # C00358), N.D.C.C. in that on or about August 19, 2017 to August 24, 2017: The defendant willfully abducted another or, having abducted another, continued to restrain the victim with intent to interfere with the performance of any governmental or political function to-wit: that on or about the above-stated date, the defendant, **BROOKE LYNN CREWS**, conspired with William Henry Hoehn to kidnap the infant child of Savanna Marie LaFontaine-Greywind in order to subvert the record keeping functions of North Dakota so they could raise the child as their biological child.

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