

This Complaint and Affidavit is to be:

- Filed with Court Clerk (cc: CA)
- Submitted to County Attorney
- Filed with JCO - Defendant is a Juvenile

Form Number: **8903215**

Arrest Date: _____

THE STATE OF IOWA

VS.

OFFENDER

Last DAVIS		First ROBERT		Middle ALLEN		Suffix	
Address 200 BLAZE LN				City COUNCIL BLUFFS		State IA	Zip Code 51503
DL# 935AA5951	State IA	DL Class C	DL Endorsements		DL Restrictions		
Date of Birth 06/26/1963	Gender MALE	Race WHITE - W		Ethnicity NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN - N			
Height 5' 09"	Weight 230 LBS	Eye Color GREEN - GRN		Hair Color BALD - BLD			

VEHICLE

Year	Make	Model		Color		
VIN	CDL Req?	Pass End Req?	HazMat End Req?	Style		
Plate/Registration #		State	Year	US DOT Number	ICC/MC #	

OFFENSE

State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>	Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Code Section 707.2	Crime Description MURDER 1ST DEGREE - 1978 (FELA)		Speed	in	Zone
Class FELA			Serious P.I. <input type="checkbox"/>	Fatal Accident <input type="checkbox"/>	Civil Damage Assessment <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>		
Location Type 25 - OTHER/UNKNOWN								
Literal Description UNKNOWN								
Address				City		State	Zip Code	
Is Date and Time of Incident Known? NO		Incident Date or Low Range 05/06/1989		Upper Date Range 05/06/1989		Incident Time or Low Range 15:00		Upper Time Range 18:00

STATUS OF OFFENDER/JUVENILE

<input type="checkbox"/> TAKEN INTO CUSTODY	CUSTODY	<input type="checkbox"/> SUMMONS TO APPEAR (Citation Issued)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WARRANT REQUESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> NO CONTACT ORDER REQUESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RELEASED TO PARENT/GUARDIAN

NARRATIVE

Narrative of Offense Committed

On or about the above stated date and time, the Defendant did willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation kill Barbara Lenz

On May 17, 1989, the family of Barbara Lealyn Lenz (then age 31), of Woodbine, Iowa, contacted the Woodbine Police Department to report that they had not had any contact with Barbara since May 3, 1989, and they were unable to locate her. On the same date, May 17, 1989, family members and the police department entered Barbara's apartment in Woodbine, where they found that her pets had not been cared for in some time. Lenz's personal effects, to include her purse, wallet, clothing, luggage, etc. were there, indicating a lack of preparation for a long absence. There was no sign of any struggle, and nothing appeared to be missing or out of place. Barbara had not told anyone in her family or her friends that she was planning to leave or go anywhere.

The Woodbine Police Department conducted an initial investigation and officers interviewed many people, including the defendant, Robert Allen "Hoopy" Davis (then age 26), who was Lenz's boyfriend, also of Woodbine. Davis claimed to have last seen Lenz when he dropped her off at her apartment in Woodbine on Saturday, May 6, 1989. He was the last person to see Barbara Lenz alive. Davis denied any knowledge of her whereabouts after that time but claimed she had called him later that same day at his home telling him she was in Omaha, Nebraska, visiting her daughter. Investigators were able to confirm Lenz was not in Omaha as Davis reported.

Woodbine Police requested the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation assist them in the investigation of Barbara Lenz's disappearance in early June 1989 as it is believed Barbara Lenz went missing involuntarily and under suspicious circumstances.

Since taking the initial report of Lenz's disappearance in May 1989, law enforcement has conducted many interviews with family members, friends, and acquaintances of Barbara Lenz and followed up on tips that have been received over the years. Lenz's body has never been located, and she has not been seen or heard from since the day she disappeared.

In the days prior to Lenz's disappearance in May 1989, investigators learned she had expressed to several people that she was in fear of her boyfriend Robert Davis and that she was trying to get away from him. She told at least two witnesses Davis had threatened to kill her if she ever left him. These statements occurred shortly before May 6, 1989.

During her approximately two-year relationship with Robert Davis, Lenz was assaulted by Davis on several known occasions, including being strangled to the point of unconsciousness which resulted in visible injuries to her. These assaults were personally reported by Lenz and visible injuries were observed on Lenz by several witnesses over the course of the approximately two-year relationship with Davis. In an interview with law enforcement on June 6, 1989, and during the investigation of Lenz's disappearance, Robert

Davis admitted to assaulting Lenz in the past and to having a violent temper when things went wrong with Lenz.

Davis talked about an incident in May 1988 when he assaulted Barbara Lenz's juvenile daughter at a restaurant in Woodbine in front of several witnesses, to include Lenz. He admitted to hitting Lenz's daughter. Witnesses interviewed by law enforcement at the time of the incident observed Davis also pushing Lenz at the restaurant that day.

Davis said he and Barbara started having problems in July 1988 that led to an argument between them. During this argument, Davis admitted to hitting Barbara and he got his engagement ring back from her at that time.

In August 1988, Davis and Barbara got into another fight. During this fight, Davis admitted to "choking her down" until she was unconscious. He carried Lenz out of the apartment unconscious, and this was witnessed by another resident who lived at the apartment complex. Lenz sought medical attention for injuries following the assault by Davis.

On another occasion, Davis said he and Barbara got into a fight at a bar. They left the bar and once they got back to her apartment, the fight continued. He admitted to investigators that he again "choked her down" during this fight. He then sat down and waited for her to regain consciousness, which she did. He told investigators they apologized to each other, and everything was okay.

During their relationship, Lenz would often visit her young daughter who was with the daughter's father, in Omaha, Nebraska. This upset Robert Davis, who told investigators he didn't like Lenz doing this, but he told them he was getting over it. Several of the fights and physical assaults by Davis on Lenz occurred following her visits to Omaha.

Witnesses reported seeing Barbara Lenz and Robert Davis together at Davis's residence in rural Woodbine arguing during the morning and daytime hours of Saturday, May 6, 1989. This argument became heated between the two at times and at least a portion of the argument was because Lenz wanted to go visit her daughter in Omaha, which Robert did not like. Robert Davis confirmed with investigators that he had an argument with Lenz on the morning of May 6, 1989, and it was over her wanting to go to Omaha, but he would not let her.

A witness visited Robert Davis and Barbara Lenz at Davis's residence on the afternoon of the same day. During this visit, the witness observed Davis injure Barbara Lenz by slashing her with a sharp instrument across the face, causing a considerable amount of bleeding, soaking Lenz's shirt. Davis and Lenz continued arguing further as Lenz wanted to leave and Davis would not let her do so. Lenz and Davis were last seen leaving the Davis' residence in

Davis's vehicle that same afternoon by another witness. Barbara Lenz has not been seen or heard from since.

The episode leading to the injury to Lenz's face and the numerous prior assaults demonstrate malice towards Barbara Lenz by Robert Davis. The violent actions of Davis, some of them admitted to by Davis, demonstrate his animus toward Barbara Lenz and indicate a specific intent to harm her and a motive to kill her.

After Lenz and Davis left Davis's residence following Lenz's injury, Davis was later seen by the same individual who observed the injury to Lenz's face. This person encountered Davis at a local bar in Woodbine the same evening. During this encounter, Davis claimed to be looking for Lenz and he could not find her. This behavior would be inconsistent with other statements made by Davis in the past when he stated that Lenz would disappear for a few days at a time with no warning and that he was not concerned. The behavior by Davis on the evening of May 6, 1989, seemed misplaced for this witness who encountered him at the bar as Davis had just left with Lenz a short time earlier.

Following Lenz's disappearance, a witness later reported to investigators that Davis and his brother buried something in a rural area near Davis's home. This occurred shortly after Lenz's disappearance. Davis's brother visited the property with the witness and showed the witness where he had dug a hole for his brother and helped him bury something wrapped in plastic.

Efforts to locate Barbara Lenz since she disappeared have been unsuccessful. On two occasions there were excavations of properties in rural Harrison County, Iowa, associated with Davis, as it was believed to be possible locations of Barbara Lenz's remains. Neither of these efforts located any human remains.

Of note, prior to her disappearance, whenever Lenz was not with Davis, he would call and visit her family and friends' homes numerous times trying to locate her. Witnesses and Lenz had also observed Davis sneaking around her apartment waiting and watching for her in the past. After Lenz disappeared on May 6, 1989, Davis did not make any calls or visits to the mentioned individuals, as he had done many times in the past, looking for Lenz. One of these individuals was a person Lenz had a child with who lived in Omaha. This person has provided information regarding numerous occasions where he received calls or contacts from Davis looking for Lenz in the past and prior to her disappearance. After May 6, 1989, this person received no communications or visits from Davis.

Since Lenz's disappearance and the investigation began, Robert Davis became uncooperative with the investigation, and he has not inquired about the status of the investigation or Lenz's whereabouts since June 1989.

In addition, at least two witnesses have reported to investigators that Robert Davis made comments to them during or following arguments with Davis, that he told them they will end up like Barbara. These statements were made by Davis long after Barbara's disappearance.

For these reasons and more, investigators have probable cause to believe Robert Allen Davis did, with malice aforethought, willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation, kill Barbara Lealyn Lenz in an unknown manner, on or about May 6, 1989, in or near Woodbine in Harrison County, Iowa. He then disposed of her body in an unknown location and manner and for this reason, Lenz has not been seen or heard from since that time.

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA, HARRISON COUNTY

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state that all facts contained in this Complaint and Affidavit, known by me or told to me by other reliable persons form the basis for my belief that the defendant committed this crime

State all facts and persons relied upon supporting elements of alleged crime
see attached

KASTNER, JARED 1170

Signature of Complainant or Officer, Officer Name & Number

STATE OF IOWA, HARRISON COUNTY

	Subscribed and sworn to before me by the person(s) signing the Complaint and Affidavit(s) on 03/07/2025	
	Notary Name	TARALEE A MATTOX
	Commission Number	749925
	My Commission Expires	12/09/2025
		Signature of Verifying Party
		<input type="checkbox"/> Peace Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notary <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecuting Attorney