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## **COLD CASE ARREST**

The Polk County Sheriff's Office is committed to resolving cold cases. Over the past two years, Investigators from the Polk County Sheriff's Office have been working on the homicide case from 1985 involving the death of Yvonne Menke. On November 13, 2023, Investigators working with officials in Maricopa County, Arizona, served warrants for Mary Josephine Bailey and her residence for the murder of Yvonne Menke.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office is seeking justice for a murder that occurred on December 12, 1985, in the City of St Croix Falls, WI. The Polk County District Attorney's Office reviewed the case and has filed a criminal complaint resulting in an arrest warrant. Working with Maricopa County Sheriff's Office the alleged suspect was taken into custody in the morning hours of November 13, 2023. Mary Josephine Bailey is in custody in Maricopa County, Arizona, awaiting extradition. A copy of the criminal complaint is available from the Polk County Clerk of Courts. At this time, this continues to be an ongoing investigation and we don't have any comments about this case.