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Nathaniel Stubbs Arrested for Murder

On November 21, 2015 at about 10:00 AM, Cottonwood Police responded to the 1100 Block of S. Pioneer Drive in Cottonwood to check the welfare of 61 year old Pamela Shepherd who had not been seen since Tuesday night, November 17th. Officers were able to enter her residence which she sometimes shares with her adult son, 41 year old Nathaniel Stubbs, when a family member arrived at the residence to unlock the front door. During the initial search for Shepherd officers observed the kitchen floor appeared to have been recently cleaned and there was a distinct odor of bleach permeating through the home. Family members on scene noted the bleach smell was unusual as Shepherd only used organic type cleaners and would not use bleach based products. After a search of the home failed to locate Shepherd officers went to the garage where they observed her vehicle parked. Officers noticed some blood drops on the floor at the trunk of the vehicle. Shepherd was subsequently found deceased in the trunk her vehicle. Nathaniel Stubbs was arrested later in the day on numerous outstanding warrants and transported to the YCSO Jail in Camp Verde. Police stated at the time Stubbs was a "Person of Interest" regarding the death of his mother, Pamela Shepherd.

Autopsy reports indicate Shepherd died due to "Blunt Force Trauma" together with "Positional Asphyxia". Manner of Death was listed as "Homicide".

On Wednesday, February 25, 2016, a Yavapai Grand Jury, after reviewing the evidence gathered during the initial investigation as well as DPS Crime Lab findings in regards to some of the evidence tested, indicted Nathaniel Leroy Stubbs on 1 Count of Second Degree Murder per Domestic Violence, 1 Count of Computer Tampering, 1 Count of Taking Identity of Another, 1 Count of Theft of a Credit Card, 1 Count of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card, and 1 Count Tampering with Physical Evidence. Stubbs is being held at the Yavapai County Jail on No Bond.