

Trial set for accused murderer

**(KNZA)--A March 5 jury trial has been set for a man with Elwood ties accused of murdering his girlfriend in central Iowa.**

**The Daily Freeman-Journal, in Webster City, reports 32-year-old Zachery Bassett recently pleaded “not guilty” to a charge of first-degree murder in the death of 50-year-old Andrea Sokolowski.**

**The Iowa Department of Public Safety says Bassett called police on September 22 of last year to report that she was not breathing. Sokolowski was taken to a hospital, where she was pronounced dead.**

**Bassett was arrested November 14 in St. Joseph, Missouri on a warrant.**

**That followed an investigation by multiple agencies--including locally, the St. Joseph Police Department, Elwood Police Department, Doniphan County Sheriff's Department, Doniphan County Attorney's Office and Kansas Bureau of Investigation.**

**Bassett remains in the Hamilton County, Iowa Jail, held on a \$500,000 cash-only bond.**

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