

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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