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Re: Two Charged After Man's Body Found Buried in Yard – 2024-251177

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On 09-20-24, Hernando County Sheriff's detectives received information regarding a body that was possibly buried in a yard on Algood Road in Spring Hill.

Initial investigation revealed the suspect, identified as Jeffrey Brehony, lived in some sort of dilapidated structure on the Algood Road property, with consent from the property owner. Witnesses stated that Brehony had recently been acting irrational and was paranoid that people were "watching" him.

An acquaintance, who was doing some work on the property for Brehony, stated that Brehony began making suspicious statements about a homeless person, identified as Kevin Walden. Walden was known to both Brehony and the acquaintance. The acquaintance explained that Brehony had recently been arguing with Walden, due to Brehony's preoccupation with being watched.

At some point, Brehony and Walden became engaged in a physical altercation, during which Walden sustained fatal injuries at the hands of Brehony.

Brehony later enlisted the help of Duane Sanders, aka/Hillbilly, to dig a grave on the property and bury Walden's body.

Based upon this information, detectives questioned Sanders, who ultimately admitted to digging the grave and burying Walden's body.

Detectives then interviewed Brehony. Brehony confirmed Walden's body was in fact buried on the property. Brehony told detectives that Walden had committed suicide, by stabbing

himself to death with knife. Brehony stated he was afraid to notify law enforcement, as he suspected no one would believe him, due to his criminal history. Brehony stated he did try to help Walden after he stabbed himself; however, his efforts were met with negative results. As a result of trying to help Walden, Brehony claimed his clothes were covered in Walden's blood. Brehony said he placed the bloody clothes in a duffel bag and set fire to the bag.

Brehony admitted to asking Sanders to bury the body, and told detectives he gave the knife to Sanders.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for the property on Algood Road. Using an aerial photo, Sanders identified the area where Walden was buried, the location of Walden's vehicle, and the area where the partially burned duffel bag could be located.

Detectives recovered Walden's body, his vehicle, which had been hidden in a heavily wooded area, and the duffel bag.

An autopsy revealed that Walden died as a result of homicidal violence.

Detectives recovered the murder weapon from a nearby storm drain.

The individuals involved in the homicide of Kevin Allan Walden were charged as follows:

- **Jeffrey Wayne Brehony DOB/05-21-1987**
 - o Abuse of a Dead Human
 - o 2nd Degree Murder
 - o Bond – No Bond

- **Duane Sanders – DOB/08-03-1968**
 - o Abuse of a Dead Human
 - o Accessory After the Fact to 2nd Degree Murder
 - o Bond – No Bond.

The investigation is ongoing.