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(Allegan, MI) Today Allegan County Prosecuting Attorney Myrene Koch has charged Dennis Lee Bowman with Open Murder, Felony Murder, and Child Abuse first degree. Mr. Bowman is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Thirty-one years ago, on March 11, 1989, 14 year old Aundria Michelle Bowman was reported as a runaway from her home in Fillmore Twp of Allegan County. Over the course of 31 years, Law Enforcement officers from the Allegan County Sheriff's Office, Michigan State Police, Allegan City Police, and the Village of Douglas investigated and reviewed this missing person's case following up on countless leads.

In the fall of 2019, detectives from the Allegan County Sheriff's Office and Michigan State Police began working on a joint investigation with the Norfolk Virginia Police Department and Naval Criminal Investigations Service regarding a homicide in 1980 in Virginia. In November 2019, Dennis Lee Bowman was taken into custody for charges stemming from that Norfolk 1980 homicide. He was extradited from Michigan to Virginia to face those charges.

On February 4, 2020, new information lead law enforcement to a shallow grave in Allegan County where skeletal remains were found. After extensive medical and DNA testing by the WMED Forensic Pathology and Michigan State University Forensic Biology Laboratory, those remains have been positively identified as Aundria Michelle Bowman.

Based upon new developments in the investigation, Allegan County Prosecutor's Office authorized charges of Open Murder, Felony Murder, Child Abuse 1st Degree, and Mutilation of a Body, against Dennis Lee Bowman for the death of Aundria. He faces life in prison if convicted of these charges. He will be extradited back to Michigan. Again, Mr. Bowman is merely charged with these crimes and is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

I want to thank all of the law enforcement teams both from Michigan and Virginia who have worked diligently on this case with my office over the years. I also want to assure Aundria's family and friends that even though this has been a very long road, this is the first step in seeking justice for her.

Additional information will be provided when available.