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Cold Case Investigation Solves 1982 Homicide

On 07-29-82, officers of the Springfield Police Department were called to the scene of a reported stabbing. Upon arrival, contact was made with a subject who initially ran from police and was later detained and taken to the police department for questioning. The victim, Angela Baskin, was transported by ambulance to the hospital, but succumbed to her injuries. The suspect, Richard L. Walker, was arrested for the crime but never charged. He has remained the number one suspect in the homicide.

The SPD routinely conducts reviews of "cold cases" and will once again actively pursue a case where detectives feel there is a chance to solve the crime through follow up investigations and interviews. This case is one of those cases.

SPD Detectives Kevin Shipley and Todd King recently travelled to Colorado to re-interview the main suspect, who is currently incarcerated in the State of Colorado prison system for an unrelated crime. The end result of these interviews was that upon returning to Springfield, the detectives were able to present charges to Greene County Prosecutor Elect Dan Patterson who has filed a charge of Second Degree Murder against Richard L. Walker in the death of Angela Baskin.

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