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## Death Investigation

On October 26, 2020, hunters notified Graham County Dispatch that they had located what appeared to be human remains near a corral approximately 8 miles east of U.S. Highway 191 along the Artesia Road alignment. The Graham County Sheriff's Office responded and recovered the body of what appeared to be a young female wrapped in a plastic tarp/bag material. The identity of the victim was unknown at the time of recovery.

On October 29, 2020, an autopsy was performed on the victim by the Pima County Medical Examiner's Office. The incident was ruled a homicide. Since October of 2020, the Graham County Sheriff's Office, working with other law enforcement agencies and other entities continued attempts to identify the victim.

The victim, a juvenile female whose name will not be released due to her age, was eventually positively identified. Since that time investigators have continued to gather information about those possibly associated with the victim, to find the person or persons involved in her death.

On August 24, 2022, the Graham County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from the FBI, Safford and Thatcher Police, and Department of Public Safety (DPS), executed two search warrants in connection with this on-going investigation. On August 24, 2022, Amber R. Langley, 38, was arrested on charges of fraudulent schemes and artifices and theft related to the investigation.

Additional charges for Amber Langley were filed in a criminal complaint issued by the Graham County Attorney's Office on Wednesday, September 1, 2022, for first degree murder for her alleged involvement in the death of the juvenile female.

Some items collected in connection with the search warrants will be sent to forensic facilities for further analysis. Elements of the investigation remain on-going.