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MEDIA RELEASE

BILLY BLASINGIM PLEAS TO SECOND DEGREE MURDER

CLEVELAND, TN. (SEPTEMBER 6, 2023) — Just over two years ago, on August 5, 2021, the body of 32-year-old Carissa Hamby was discovered in a field on Lower River Road in Bradley County.

An extensive investigation into the death Carissa Hamby was conducted by the Bradley County Sheriff's Office. The investigation revealed the cause of Hamby's death was blunt force trauma to the head. Further evidence linked Billy Blasingim as being responsible for the death of Carissa Hamby.

Billy Blasingim was arrested by the Bradley County Sheriff's Office on a Grand Jury Indictment for First Degree Murder on April 22, 2022.

On September 5, 2023, Billy Blasingim plead guilty to Second Degree Murder in Criminal Court. He faces a 19-year prison sentence with the Tennessee Department of Corrections.

About BCSO

The Bradley County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is a law enforcement agency serving all residents of Bradley County, Tennessee. The elected sheriff is Steve Lawson, who has held the post since September 2018. John Stone is the current chief deputy. BCSO is located at 2290 Blythe Avenue SE, Cleveland, TN 37311 and can be reached at 423-728-7300 for non-emergency calls.
