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PRESS RELEASE

TO: ALL AREA MEDIA
FROM: HENRY BOYCE
RE: Body Discovered in Randolph County
DATE: June 5, 2019

On Tuesday, June 4, 2019, the dead body of a female was discovered at the residence of former Arkansas State Senator Linda Collins-Smith. The condition of the body prevented any immediate positive identification. The Randolph County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene at around 5:45 p.m. and immediately began securing the crime scene. The Arkansas State Police Criminal Investigation Unit was dispatched to the scene along with forensic examiners from the Arkansas State Crime Lab in Little Rock.

The body has been sent for autopsy to determine positive identity and cause of death.

Third Judicial District Circuit Judge Harold Erwin has issued an Order sealing the documents and statements obtained by police during the pendency of this investigation.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, ARKANSAS
CRIMINAL DIVISION

IN RE: THE INVESTIGATION OF THE DEATH OF
LINDA COLLINS-SMITH

ORDER SEALING ALL MATERIALS AND STATEMENTS
MADE DURING THE ABOVE-STYLED INVESTIGATION

The State of Arkansas, by and through Henry Boyce, Prosecuting Attorney, has requested by written Motion that all materials and statements concerning the above-styled investigation in the possession of the Randolph County Circuit Clerk's office, Randolph County Sheriff's office, and the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney be sealed in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated §25-19-105(b)(8).

Based upon said Motion and finding the grounds stated therein to be well taken, this Court hereby orders that all records filed or kept by the Randolph County Circuit Clerk's office, Randolph County Sheriff's office, and the Office of said Prosecuting Attorney as well as any affidavits, law enforcement reports, documents, recordings, statements, search warrant returns, crime lab reports, medical examiner reports, concerning the investigation described herein shall be sealed to any and all persons until such time that the Court should declare that the record may be open.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


HAROLD S. ERWIN
CIRCUIT JUDGE

