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UPDATE: Two juveniles arrested in connection to Augusta homicide

BUTLER COUNTY – Two juveniles were arrested in connection to a September 2023 homicide in Augusta.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), the Augusta Department of Public Safety, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigated the murder of 93-year-old Joanne R. Johnson. On the afternoon of Thursday, Aug. 15, two 14-year-old female subjects from Augusta were arrested for first-degree murder connected to Johnson's death.

The teens are being held at separate juvenile detention centers. Formal charges are pending.

The investigation is ongoing.

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Reward offered for information in 2023 Augusta homicide

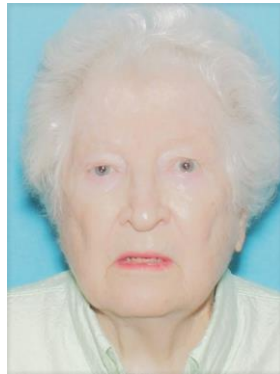
BUTLER COUNTY – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and the Augusta Department of Public Safety have been investigating the murder of 93-year-old Joanne R. Johnson, of Augusta, Kansas, since she was discovered deceased in her residence on September 3, 2023.

They are pleased to announce that Governor Laura Kelly has issued an executive order offering a \$5,000 reward to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for Johnson's murder. Under the same conditions, the family of Joanne Johnson has offered to match the reward for information, increasing the total reward to \$10,000.

Johnson was found by a family member after she was killed in her home at 1711 Robbins St. in Augusta, last Labor Day weekend. Authorities believe she was killed between Saturday evening, September 2, 2023 and Sunday evening, September 3, 2023.

Johnson was a white female. She was 5 feet, 1 inch tall and weighed around 140 pounds. She had white hair, blue eyes, and wore glasses.

Anyone with information about this crime, no matter how small the detail might seem, is asked to contact the KBI at 1-800-KS-CRIME or Augusta Crime Stoppers at 316-775-0055. Anonymous tips can also be submitted online at <https://www.kbi.ks.gov/sar>, or by using the P3 TIPS App on the Augusta Crime Stoppers Facebook page. The investigation is ongoing.



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