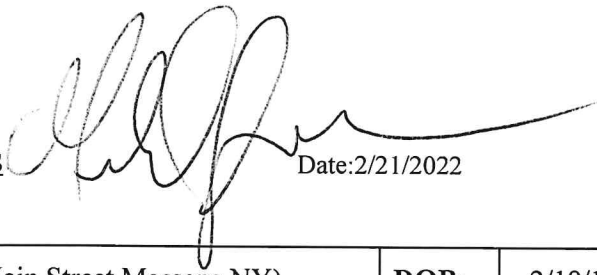


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Date: 2/21/2022

Suspect Name:	Michael J. Snow (250 Main Street Massena NY)	DOB:	2/19/1991		
City/Town/Village	Potsdam	State	NY	Crime Date:	2/18/2022
Charge:	Homicide Investigation (Murder 2 nd)		Time:	5:45PM	
Location:	Bay Street, Potsdam, NY				
Release/Return:	Arraigned in the Potsdam NY Town Court on 2/19/2022 and remanded without bail.				
Narrative	<p>Potsdam Police Department patrols responded to a report of shots fired on College Park Rd. in the village at 5:45 P.M. on 2/18/2022. On scene witnesses reported hearing three shots fired from a grey four-door sedan and patrols were directed to the victim who had fled a short distance on foot. Patrol officers found the victim, later identified as Elizabeth Howell (21) of Patterson NY, down and unresponsive at the corner of College Park Rd. and East Drive. Potsdam Police officers began providing emergency live saving measures and were soon joined by SUNY Potsdam University Police. Eventually, care of Ms. Howell was turned over to Potsdam Rescue Squad. Ms. Howell was transported to Canton Potsdam Hospital where she was succumbed to her injuries. Patrols were assisted with the initial investigation by members of the St. Lawrence Sheriff's Office Patrol Division. Video evidence showing the suspect vehicle was located during the initial investigation was quickly distributed to responding officers.</p> <p>A command post was established at the Potsdam Police Department and members of the NYS Police (Major Crimes Division, Patrol, BCI), the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office (Command staff, Investigative Division, and Road Patrol), Homeland Security Investigations, St Lawrence County District Attorney's Office, and SUNY Potsdam University Police were all present. Given the nature of the investigation Potsdam Police Department requested the State Police Major Crimes take lead on the case. Leads began coming together and a suspect was identified. A series of search warrants were obtained, and the suspect was taken into custody at around 4:30 P.M. on 2/19/2022. The arrest occurred at his residence, located at 250 Main Street in the Village of Massena, by members of the New York State Police Special Operations Response Team.</p> <p>Michael J. Snow was taken to the Potsdam Town Court for arraignment before Judge James Mason on the charge of Murder in the 2nd Degree. Snow was remanded to the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility without bail.</p> <p>The criminal investigation is ongoing. Residents of the village are asked to review any home or business video surveillance systems for evidence of Snow or his vehicle in the area in the hour prior to the 5:45pm shooting on Friday. Take note of the damage to the driver side and aftermarket mirror attached to the door.</p> <p>The Potsdam Police Department wished to express their deepest condolences to the family and friends of Elizabeth Howell. Elizabeth was a SUNY Potsdam student who was loved by many. We would like to also express our sincerest</p>				

gratitude to our law enforcement partners who came together to work tirelessly on this investigation.

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