

Sheriff Joey Lemons  
Stokes County Sheriff's Office

In August of 2018, Sarah Hill was reported missing from Patrick County, VA. The investigation led detectives to Surry County, where the Surry County Sheriff's Office checked several locations in hopes of locating Ms. Hill. Some of the information received indicated that Ms. Hill had been, at some point, at the home of Leroy Hoover on Asbury Rd in the Westfield community of Stokes County. On 10/17/2022, detectives with the Surry County Sheriff's Office and the NC SBI reached out to our office for assistance. Investigators obtained a search warrant for the property on Asbury Rd in Stokes County, specifically to search for any information on the whereabouts of Ms. Hill that may be located on the property.

During the search of the property, investigators excavated a particular area, where human remains were found and collected for the medical examiner to process. An autopsy was ordered and completed, and the remains were identified as Sarah Hill. On 10/4/2023 the Stokes County Sheriff's Office received the official medical report from the autopsy ruling the death of Ms. Hill as a homicide.

Once the medical report was received, Stokes County Sheriff's Office Detective C. Smith and agents with the NC SBI met with the district attorney to present the case for review. After reviewing the evidence, Leroy Allen Hoover was charged with the murder of Sarah Hill. Leroy Hoover is currently in the Stokes County Jail with no bond, awaiting trial. Leroy Hoover has other cases also pending in Stokes County.

"We can only imagine how hard this has been for the family of Ms. Hill. Investigators from the Patrick County Sheriff's Office (VA), Surry County Sheriff's Office, Stokes County Sheriff's Office, as well as the NC SBI agents that worked on this case have done a tremendous job, and they never gave up. Although nothing will bring a loved one back, we can only hope this helps provide some closure to Ms. Hill's family." Sheriff Joey Lemons

Any further inquiries may be made to the Stokes County District Attorney's Office.

Arrested:

Leroy Allen Hoover  
W/M, DOB 7-3-62  
-1 count of Murder  
-1 count of Concealment of death

