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FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

**PRESS RELEASE**

April 5, 2024

(FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA)

On April 4, 2024, Keith Hunter Jespersen, otherwise known as the “Happy Face Killer,” pled guilty to Second Degree Murder for the homicide of Suzanne Kjellenberg. The Honorable John Jay Gontarek imposed a life sentence.

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Mr. Jespersen admitted to strangling Ms. Kjellenberg in the summer of 1994 and dumping her body off an interstate exit in Okaloosa County. The Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office and the Office of the Medical Examiner worked together with Othram, Inc., to identify Ms.

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Kjellenberg and bring this cold case to a close.

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The case was prosecuted on behalf of State Attorney Ginger Bowden Madden by Assistant State Attorney Michelle Sandler. Any questions can be directed to Ms. Sandler at 850-651-7260.

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