

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
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STATION GIBSON CRIME UNIT		CAD/CASE NO PA 2026-1192599
INVESTIGATING OFFICER SPEGAR,A,13187 (729326)	DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT 09-16-2026 1515	
NATURE OF INCIDENT HOMICIDE INTENTIONAL		
LOCATION 1235 DONOVAN RD		
MUNICIPALITY(COUNTY) SILVER LAKE TWP (SUSQUEHANNA)		

PERSON(S) INVOLVED (Age based off incident occurrence date):

ARRESTEE: Michael JONES, 46, M, BRACKNEY, PA

VICTIM: Andrea VAIL, 76, F, BRACKNEY, PA

INCIDENT DETAILS:

On 09/16/2026 at approximately 1515 hours, the Pennsylvania State Police Troop R Gibson Patrol Unit and the Troop R Gibson Criminal Investigation Unit were dispatched to the residence of 1235 Donovan Road, Brackney, Pennsylvania, Susquehanna County for a report of a deceased female located inside the residence.

Upon arrival to the scene, Troopers located a male outside the residence identified as Michael Sean JONES, a resident of the home. The 911 caller advised Troopers that she arrived at the residence to conduct a welfare check on JONE'S juvenile son and found the victim, identified as Andrea VAIL, deceased inside the residence.

The victim, Andrea VAIL, was observed to have several bruises on her body that were indicative of blunt force injuries. Michael JONES was transported from the scene to a hospital due to consuming numerous narcotics in an attempt to harm himself after VAIL'S remains were discovered.

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A search of the residence was conducted, which yielded evidence that Michael JONES assaulted Andrea VAIL, which caused her death.

An autopsy was conducted on 09/17/2026, which showed that VAIL was the victim of homicide due to multiple traumatic injuries.

A criminal complaint was prepared and filed through Magisterial District Judge SCHEER of Montrose and an arrest warrant was obtained for Michael JONES. JONES remains in custody in New York awaiting extradition back to Pennsylvania.

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