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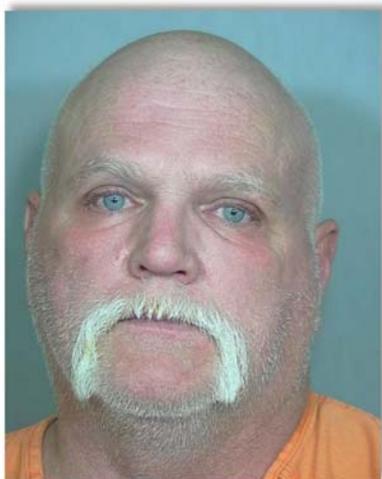
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## **More Details Released in Case Against Parolee Accused of Impaling Woman with Baseball Bat**



GREELEY, Colo. (Weld County D.A.) – Today during a preliminary hearing, more details were released in the case against David Wayne Batty, 53, who is charged with first-degree murder after deliberation and abuse of a corpse.

According to court testimony, two parole officers conducted a home inspection at 1419 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue on March 26, 2015 after Batty failed to show up for parole appointments and work. During that inspection, a parole officer found a woman's body stuffed in a trunk, which was tucked away in a closet.

The victim, later identified as Tonya Webster, 47, also had a novelty baseball bat impaled in her anus. Forensic evidence indicates the bat had Batty and Webster's DNA on it.

Webster died from asphyxiation due to manual strangulation, according to the autopsy. Additionally, she had blunt force trauma to the head, lacerations to the vaginal and rectal areas, a broken nose and bruises on the face, legs and chest.

According to Greeley Detective Robert Cash's testimony, the apartment had several air fresheners and candles to mask odors, but the "smell of feces and decay of a human body" was prevalent in the room where the body was found. Investigators also noticed blood stains smeared on carpet, sheets and walls in the apartment.

Batty remains in the Weld County jail without bond.

Weld County Assistant District Attorney Robb Miller and Deputy District Attorney Tate Costin are prosecuting the case.

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**What's Next?**

Weld County District Court Judge Timothy Kerns will rule whether there's enough evidence to prove the charges at a motions hearing on November 21 at 10:00 a.m. If he concludes there is proof evident, the case will be set for trial.

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