

**Narrative**

Suspect Arrested: Patrick A. Scott  
Charge: Murder  
DOB: 11/25/64

## Criminal Homicide Report

1. Description of the offense: On the date of June 7, 2023 Valerie Tindall (DOB: 08/29/05) advised her parents that she was leaving her residence located at 2368 N 700 W, Arlington to go to work. Tindall reportedly worked for her neighbor who was identified as Patrick A. Scott who was found to own a lawn mowing business, and he was additionally found to live behind her residence at the address of 2394 N Oak Street, Arlington. Tindall left her residence and traveled to Shelbyville operating her Honda Accord. During the trip Tindall traveled to South High Apartments located across from Shelbyville High School where she met Patrick Scott.

Patrick Scott proceeded to drive Tindall back to his residence located at 2394 N Oak Street in Arlington IN on the above date, and arrived there at approximately 12:59 PM. Valerie Tindall was never seen from or heard from after this date, and her last known social media activity was discovered to be at 12:53 PM, and was at the location of 1300 Block N 725 W.

During the early stages of this investigation Patrick Scott was spoken to in regards to assisting in possibly knowing where Tindall was located. As this investigation progressed it was learned that Scott was not being fully truthful.

Scott initially advised law enforcement and Tindall's family that he had not seen Tindall, nor had she worked for him on the above date. When later confronted with evidence to prove otherwise Scott changed his story and advised that he had driven Tindall to meet an unknown boy who she was dropped off with in Homer, Indiana. Scott on another date advised law enforcement that he brought Tindall all the way back to his residence, and he returned to work. Scott claimed on this date when he returned Tindall was gone. Scott continually made reference to believing Tindall had ran away, and made reference to her father's abusive behaviors to her.

Multiple Search Warrants were executed on electronic devices in this investigation, and it was learned that based on those Scott returned to his residence at approximately 12:59 PM on June 7, 2023 with Tindall. Scott made numerous unusual moves that date involving not searching the Internet like he normally does, and appears to deactivate a lot of the apps on his phone. On this date, however it appears in the background of Scott's phone the Apple Health app was operating. This app began recording significant health activities at approximately 1:35 PM. These activities were significant enough to activate this in the background of the phone.

We additionally discovered in this investigation that Scott had returned to where Tindall's vehicle was originally parked and he moved it to another location in what appears to be an attempt to hide it. The vehicle was backed into a parking lot with other broken down vehicles, and the license plates and keys were removed from the vehicle.

It was later learned that the night that Tindall disappeared Patrick Scott and his wife went to the Tindall's residence in an attempt to support the Tindall family. This was in the evening hours of June 7, 2023.

On the date of October 11, 2023 Cadaver Dogs were placed on a property located directly to the East of Scott's residence. This was completed under the property owner consent, and was completed due to a pond located on the property with close proximity to the last known location of Tindall. On this date four separate cadaver dogs gave a positive indication to the presence of human decomposition on the pond. We requested assistance in searching this pond from the Indiana State Police Dive team who completed a dive on the pond confirming that no one was located in the pond. On a later date a sonar was placed on the pond also confirming nothing was located in the pond.

When speaking with the handler's for the cadaver dogs we learned that water is known to hold odor. I was advised that it is possible that this could be associated with water run off or could just be the scent from another location that the wind is carrying and the water is maintaining the odor. It should be noted on the date that this occurred the wind was coming from the direction of Patrick Scott's other property located at 2366 N Oak Street, Arlington.

Investigators additionally requested a topography study to be conducted which determined it is possible that the water run off from Scott's property could drain into this pond.

In obtaining further information from the applications Scott was found to utilize we were able to determine that the date after Tindall went missing that Scott traveled to Home Depot in Greenfield where he made the purchase of four 2x4's and two sheets of 4x8 OSB.

On the date of October 12, 2023 a flyover was completed of the Scott's properties during which time we were able to see on Scott's two properties multiple areas of obvious ground disturbance. Upon receiving this information with the other information obtained in this investigation it was determined that investigators would apply for a Search Warrant to search this property to search for human remains as well as other items related to this investigation. On the date of November 27, 2023 multiple probable cause affidavits were submitted to Judge Hill of Rush Superior Court requesting multiple search warrants including for the search of Patrick Scott's properties.

On the date of November 28, 2023 Officer's from multiple agencies converged on the properties located at 2394 and 2366 N Oak Street, Arlington for the execution of these search warrants.

At the property located at 2366 N Oak Street Officer's observed a large dirt pile with miscellaneous debris. During this time this area became a focus because of the large dirt mound, and hole observed. This area began being dug by utilizing shovels during which time Officer's discovered a large homemade box made out of OSB and 2x4's. This box was found to be wrapped in a tarp, and was discovered to be greater than 5' long. When opening this box it was discovered that it contained miscellaneous paperwork as well as VHS tapes. Officer's continued digging this area utilizing equipment. During this time a second box was revealed. When this box was first discovered an odor emitted from this box that I know from my experience as an investigator to be commonly associated with decomposition. This box was also discovered to be wrapped in a tarp, was a long rectangular box. Officer's continued to dig this box out eventually removing a box that was found to be constructed with OSB and 2x4's that strikingly matched the first box. This box, however was wrapped multiple times, and contained a strong odor of decomposition. Additionally observed on this box was duct tape in the seam.

Upon opening this box something wrapped in a black plastic was discovered. I instantly observed this object to be the size of a human, and instantly detected the odor of decomposition. This plastic was slowly opened noting that it was taped, and wrapped multiple times. Upon opening this plastic human remains were discovered inside the box. I observed orange finger nails on these human remains instantly.

Upon reviewing social media we were able to determine on a photo with Tindall that on June 7, 2023 she had matching colored fingernails of that which I observed the remains to have.

I contacted Rush County Coroner Brenda McMahan at approximately 4:45 PM notifying her of the discovery, at which time she advised she would be en route shortly.

It was determined that Patrick Scott would be taken into custody for this investigation at that time. Officer's from the FBI and Shelby County Sheriff's Department were sitting surveillance on Scott at the residence of 7304 N CR 600 W, Shelby County. I was notified a short time later that Scott was in custody, at which time US Marshal Tom Abreu, FBI Special Agent Jeff Robertson, and I went to that location where we took custody of Scott without incident. Linda Scott was also at this residence, and was also transported by Law Enforcement to the Rush County Sheriff's Department in regards to this investigation.

Scott was transported to the Rush County Sheriff's Office where he was placed in the interview room. Prior to speaking with Scott I advised Scott of his Miranda Warning. Scott confirmed he understood his rights, and during the interview Patrick Scott admitted to killing Valerie Tindall on the date of June 7, 2023 at his residence.

2. Date, time, circumstances Surrounding the Incident: During the interview Patrick Scott advised the following in regards to this investigation.

Prior to advising Scott of his Miranda Warning he advised me that his wife and daughter "don't know nothing."

I asked Scott what happened to Valerie?

Scott advised Valerie got carried away. Scott advised Tindall tried to blackmail him into buying her a car. Scott advised Tindall thought she was going to seduce him, and it wasn't going to happen. Scott advised Tindall got carried away. Scott advised that Linda doesn't know about it, and advised that no one does.

Scott advised Tindall tried to seduce him, and he wasn't going to have it. I asked Scott what he did to Tindall, and he advised he "strangled her with a belt."

Scott advised he then moved Tindall into the office until the next day. Scott advised the belt is gone. Scott advised when he got home the next day he made "that box." Scott advised the hole was already dug, but advised it wasn't dug for that it was dug for concrete. I asked Scott what the other box was for, and he advised "put shit in."

Scott advised they were by his bedroom when he strangled her. Scott denied him and Tindall being in a sexual relationship. Scott advised that Tindall was trying to come onto him, and Scott advised Tindall was going to tell people he was making moves on her. Scott advised "I wasn't going to have it." Scott

advised things got out of hand. Scott advised the belt was his, and was the one he was wearing.

Scott advised that he was fighting Tindall off, and he took it and threw it around her. Scott advised Tindall had tried to take her clothes off, and he wasn't going to do it. Scott advised him and Tindall had a pushing and shoving thing. Scott advised after he took his belt off and advised "I put it around her neck and I held onto it until she quit."

I asked Scott what was going through his head at that time, and he advised he didn't know what to do with her. Scott advised he was trying to figure out what to do with her. Scott advised he held the belt on her until she quit moving. I asked Scott if he knew she was dead then and he advised "I pretty much figured so."

Scott advised the next day he built the box in the backyard. Scott advised he put Tindall in it the same day he built it. Scott advised he built the box the day after Tindall went missing which would have been June 8, 2023. Scott initially claimed he already had the lumber for the box. Scott denied going to get lumber, and advised he always have scrap lumber laying around.

I advised Scott of his purchases at Home Depot on the 8th, and he advised "maybe I did." I asked Scott if he remembers doing that he advised "I could have."

Scott confirmed he went to mow the cemetery on the 8th. Scott advised during that time Tindall was in the office, and advised he was the only person to have access in the office. I asked Scott when he got home on that date if anyone was home, and he advised no.

I asked Scott if anyone was home on the 7th, and he advised ". ." I asked Scott if he heard it, and Scott advised no, and advised that . never came down there.

Scott confirmed he drug Tindall into the office, and claimed she was clothed. I asked Scott if she was clothed when he put her into the box in which he advised she was.

I asked Scott to tell me what Tindall had said about the car. Scott advised when her car broke down, if her dad couldn't get it running he would help her get another car, however it would be a cheap car. Scott advised that wasn't suiting her, and she was wanting a new car.

I asked Scott where the belt he used, and he advised he didn't remember, however he still wore it after.

Scott admitted to leaving Tindall in the office as the family went about their evening. Scott admitted that Tindall remained in the office throughout the night.

I asked Scott why he moved the car, he advised because Elizabeth seen it. I asked Scott what he did with the license plate and keys in which Scott advised "they're gone, I threw them in a river." Scott claimed not to remember what river.

Scott denied Linda going over to move the car. Scott advised he had parked his truck over there, and he got into the car and moved it over to Berwick then he walked back to South High Apartments. Scott denied anyone knowing anything, and advised he never told anyone anything.

I spoke to Scott about him and Linda going over and speaking with Tindall's family. Scott advised he didn't remember what they talked about.

I asked Scott how this has been since for him, and asked him to explain to me how he has functioned like he has, and did he hate Tindall? Scott advised "No," and advised they did all kinds of stuff together like going out to eat, taking them shopping, etc.

I asked Scott why Tindall came back to his home that day due to her driving to Shelbyville. Scott advised that Tindall wanted to go back to the house, and advised she didn't give him a reason.

I asked Scott if Tindall put up a good fight, and he advised "well a little bit." I asked Scott how he wrapped the belt, and he advised he didn't remember. Scott confirmed he held Tindall until she stopped moving, and he confirmed he knew she was dead. I asked Scott when he wrapped Tindall up and he advised the next day (June 8). Scott advised this was done on the office floor. Scott was unsure if Alex was home during this time.

Scott confirmed he wrapped Tindall in whatever he had around there, and confirmed it was black plastic. He confirmed he wrapped her and taped her several times. Scott advised it was to get rid of her. Scott advised he just wrapped her up in plastic, and he put her in the box he built.

Scott advised he took the box he built into the house, and he put her in the box in the house. Scott confirmed he screwed the box shut in the house. Scott then advised he took a two wheel dolly, and hauled the box across to his other property.

Scott confirmed the hole was already there, and confirmed it was deep enough when he got there. Scott then admitted to covering her up, and confirmed it was done with a shovel. Scott confirmed it was one of his shovels.

I asked Scott about the other box, and he advised it had been there since July.

I asked Scott what Tindall was saying when this was happening and he advised "nothing that I remember." I asked Scott if Tindall was struggling when he was strangling her and he advised "Yea." Scott advised he didn't say anything to her, and then made the statement "I just knew she wasn't going to blackmail me."

Scott advised Tindall was going to tell everyone he had his way with her, and that never happened. I asked Scott if his plan was to kill her, and he advised "No that just kind of happened." I asked him if it was because she was going to blackmail him and he advised "yea."

I asked Scott if this felt good getting this off his chest, and he advised "I guess." I asked Scott if this bothered him that he killed Tindall and he advised "Well I wasn't too crazy about it."

This interview in its entirety will be forwarded with this report to the Rush County Prosecutor's Office.

After the interview Scott was taken into physical custody for the offense of Murder. Scott was remanded to the custody of the Rush County Jail Staff.

3. Medical aid given; by whom: N/A

4. Pronounced dead: time, by whom: Upon opening the box that Tindall was

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located in I observed the body was in an advance stage of decomposition. She was obviously deceased at the time.

5. Medical examiner notified; his actions: Rush County Coroner Brenda McMahan and numerous Deputy Coroner's arrived on the scene. Upon arrival Coroner McMahan was briefed on the investigation. The FBI Evidence Response Team was on the scene, and assisted with the removal of the body.

6. Autopsy ordered, performed, conclusions: Autopsy is scheduled and pending.

7. Weapons or forced used: Patrick Scott admitted to using his belt and placing it around Valerie Tindall's neck until she was deceased. Patrick Scott then moved Tindall's body into the office where he stored her for the night. The next day Scott constructed a box and placed Tindall's body into the box after wrapping it in plastic and taping it. The box was placed in a hole at Scott's other property and then covered.

8. Premises description: Scott resides at 2394 N Oak Street which is the location Scott admittedly murdered Valerie Tindall. Scott then placed the body at his other property located at 2366 N Oak Street.

9. Suspect identification, description: At this time we observed fingernails on the subjects body that match Valerie Tindall's based on social media photos. Additionally, Patrick Scott admitted that he murdered Valerie Tindall and buried her in the box.

10. Suspect & victim relationships: Valerie Tindall worked for Patrick Scott. Based evidence their relationship was questionable as they seemed very close. Scott was found to provide Tindall with money, food, gas, and took her on trips.

11. Witness or witnesses:  
Detective Shawn Smallwood  
Detective Caitlin Herbert  
Detective Jordan Hoeing  
Major Josh Brinson  
Sgt. Clay Ratliff  
US Marshal Tom Abreu  
FBI Special Agent Jeff Robertson  
Coroner Brenda McMahan  
FBI Evidence Response Team  
Members of the FBI and US Marshal Service

12. Witness observations: This investigation was primarily conducted by Detective Smallwood, Detective Herbert, Detective Hoeing, USMS Tom Abreu, FBI Special Agent Jeff Robertson, and myself.

Sgt. Ratliff and Major Brinson assisted during the execution of the Search Warrant.

FBI Evidence Response Team handled the processing of the scene, photographing, evidence packaging and collecting.

13. Evidence obtained: There have been multiple pieces of evidence confiscated as part of this investigation which will be noted in a later supplemental report.

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14. Alcohol or drug involvement: None known.

15. Additional information: Through this investigation there were supplemental reports and investigative reports noted in law case 23-1087 which will be included with this report to the Rush County Prosecutor's Office.

16. Disposition Recommendations: Patrick A. Scott(DOB: 11/25/64) was taken into physical custody for the offense of Murder.

17. I affirm under penalties for perjury that the foregoing statements are true.

This report is for probable cause purposes and may not contain all of the information and details from the investigation of this case.

18. Date, Time, Reporting Officer:  
Wed Nov 29 00:16:04 EST 2023  
Detective Randy M. Meek #70-48  
/s/Randy M. Meek

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Responsible LEO:

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Approved by:

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Date

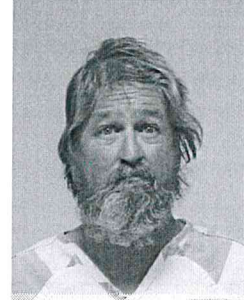


# Spillman Technologies

## Name Summary Report

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Last: Scott  
First: Patrick  
Middle: Allen  
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### Personal Identification Information

Date of Birth: 11/25/64 Age: 59 years  
SSN #: ██████████  
Driver's License #: 8945592570 DL State: IN  
State ID#: FBI ID#:

### Physical Description

Race: W - White/Non Hispanic Sex: M  
Eye Color: BLU Hair Color: GRY Height: 5'10" (0 cm.) Weight: 185 lbs. (84 kg)

### Alias Information

Comments:

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### Involvements

Date	Type	Description	Relationship
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