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## **Charges Filed on Chase Ainsworth for Murder in the First Degree and Child Stealing**

[Cleveland County, August 3, 2023 -] Our office has received charges from the Oklahoma City Police Department and filed one count of Murder in the First Degree and one count of Child Stealing on Mr. Ainsworth today.

On Saturday, July 29th, Samantha Ainsworth was found deceased in her home with witnesses seeing her ex-husband, Chase Ainsworth, leaving the home with their 5-year-old son. An Endangered Persons Alert was sent and Mr. Ainsworth and the child were located in Oklahoma City. The child was found safe.

"This is a devastating situation and we will be reaching out to Ms. Ainsworth's family to assure them that we intend to prosecute this case to the fullest extent of the law," says District Attorney Greg Mashburn.

"We know that stalking behavior can be dangerous and bring devastating outcomes. We encourage anyone who is experiencing stalking or domestic violence to reach out to the Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or any of the domestic violence organizations to develop a safety plan. We want to protect our communities and take more steps towards assisting victims."

Mr. Ainsworth is currently in custody on a \$4 million bond and will be arraigned on Friday, August 4th.

**Additional Local Resources:**

Women's Resource Center: 405-701-5540

222 E. Eufaula St. Norman, OK 73069

Palomar Family Justice Center: 405-552-1010

1140N. Hudson Ave. Oklahoma City, OK 73103

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