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## Suspect in Iroquois County murders dead in Colorado

The man believed responsible for two Iroquois County murders is dead.  
 Matthew W. Borden, 43, was wanted in Iroquois County for the murders of Pamela Williams, 54, of Martinton, whose body was found southwest of Sheldon on Friday, and Brian Musk, 50, whose body was found when police were called Saturday to Milford Auto Parts for a burglary.  
 Mr. Borden fled the local area, heading west. According to law enforcement reports, he stole a vehicle in Dexter, Iowa, and continued west to Colorado.  
 The vehicle was spotted at 1:55 p.m. Sunday in Weld County, Colo., and reported to police. A Colorado State Patrol trooper and an Ault, Colo., police officer



MATTHEW BORDEN

began to follow the vehicle.  
 Mr. Borden led the officers on a high-speed chase, reached speeds in excess of 100 mph, according to a press release from the Weld County Sheriff's Department.  
 Mr. Borden crashed the vehicle on U.S. 85 and Weld County Road 92, near Pierce. He got out of his vehicle and began firing at the two officers. The highway was closed and the Weld County Regional SWAT team was called to the scene, where they found Mr. Borden dead next to the vehicle.  
 According to printed reports, it is not believed that any law enforcement officers fired their weapons.  
 See SUSPECT on other side

**Briefly**

**At the library**  
 Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:  
**Stitchin' Time**, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Crochet instruction provided. Other needle crafters welcome.  
**Design Squad/Big Bang Thursday Holiday Edition**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Gingerbread House STEM Engineering Challenge! For all kids ages eight and older.  
**Vermilion County Crafters**, 5-7 p.m. Thursday. Open to all crafters. Bring projects to work on individually.  
**Littles @ the Library**, 10:30-11 a.m. every Friday. For kids 0-5 and their caretakers. Features stories, songs, crafts, learning and movement activities.  
 For information on library programs, call (217) 283-6711.

**Breast cancer support group**  
 Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be at

December 19. Spread the word and join us for a meeting to support past and present breast cancer survivors.  
 For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9824.

**Blood drive**  
 An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30 in the multi purpose room at Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins are also welcome.  
 From December 19-January 5, donors will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved t-shirt, while supplies last.

**Church service listings**  
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### Suspect continued from other side

Mr. Borden was named a person of interest in both murders and a warrant issued for his arrest on two counts of murder. Bond on the warrant was set at \$2 million.

Mr. Borden was also wanted by the United States Marshals Office for violating probation in connection with an armed robbery of Dewey State Bank on October 7, 2006. Charged with bank robbery by force or violence and violent crime/drugs/machine gun, he was sentenced to 14 months in the Bureau of Prisons,

to be served concurrently, followed by 46 months of supervised release, also to be served concurrently.

A third count, unlawful transport of firearms, etc., was dismissed.

Mr. Borden was released from the federal prison in Butner, N. Car., on October 29, 2019.

Listed in early information as being from Melvin, Mr. Borden had also lived in Gibson City and Pekin.

Colorado and Iroquois County law enforcement agencies are continuing the investigation.

### Obituaries

**HOWE** - Marjorie Howe, 91, of Watseka, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. until the 10 a.m. funeral Wednesday at Baier Funeral Home, Watseka. Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery, Watseka. Memorials are suggested to Junior Diabetes or donor’s choice. Among her survivors is a sister, Shirley Eells, of Hoopeston.

**KOGLER** - Doris J. (Drilling) Kogler, 95, of Schaumburg, formerly of Claytonville and Cissna Park, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2019, at Friendship Village, Schaumburg. Visitation will be 9:30 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cissna Park.

**Court Dispositions**

**November 7**

**Sarah E. Hoover**, Hoopeston, case sent to state for further enforcement.

**John Cacaj**, Sterling Heights, failed to appear for declared nuisance, found guilty by default, fined \$200 plus abatement; status hearing December 5.

**Heather M. Cibirka**, Hoopeston, case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Coty L. Morgenson**, Hoopeston, case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Sara E. Mahorney**, Hoopeston, case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Titus Barber**, Hoopeston, failed to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia, sentencing set for December 5.

**Megan Lane**, Hoopeston, failed to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia, found guilty by default, fined \$200; status hearing December 5.

**Kelly Gomez**, Hume, pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis prohibited, fined \$200; status check December 5.

**Joshua E. Edwards**, Hoopeston, two cases sent to state for further enforcement.

**Joshua W. Wessells**, Sheldon, trial December 5.

**Timothy J. Schroeder Jr.**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at trial, found guilty by default, fined \$200; status check December 5.

**Melissa Kinnaird**, Hoopeston, status check December 5.

### Weather

Sunny today. High 33. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 16. Tomorrow, sunny. High 25, low 14.

Burial will follow in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to the church.

**MAUL** - Elizabeth M. (Neukomm) Maul, 95, of Cissna Park, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, at Accolade Healthcare, Paxton. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Cissna Park.

**From the Blotter**

Jeromy Powell, 45, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were sent at 1:39 p.m. Sunday on a welfare check at Parkview Court. Powell, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear, was released on bond with a new court date.

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