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Murder Charge Filed in Missing Woman Cold Case

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey announced today homicide charges have been filed in a “cold” case murder from 2017.

Ramsey said Dustin Troy Kimball, 47, of Magalia has been formally charged for the murder of 41-year-old Jennifer Moore of Orland.

On June 20, 2017, friends and family of Ms. Moore contacted the Glenn County Sheriff’s Office to report her disappearance. She was last seen by friends and family on June 19, 2017, as Kimball, her then boyfriend, picked her up from her Orland home allegedly to go purchase a car. Ms. Moore never returned home.

Glenn County Sheriff’s Office initially investigated the case in 2017, because Ms. Moore was a Glenn County resident. Kimball told deputies that he dropped Ms. Moore off in Chico and that was the last he saw of her.

In January of 2021, human remains, later identified as Ms. Moore, were found in a remote location of Butte County off of Highway 32 south of the community of Forest Ranch. The Butte County Sheriff’s Office then took lead in the case.

Through extensive investigation and search warrants, the Butte County Sheriff’s Office found electronic and location data putting Kimball and Ms. Moore together in the same area where her body was found. A warrant was issued for Kimball’s arrest, which was served on Tuesday by sheriff’s detectives.

In addition to being charged with homicide, it is also alleged Kimbell was previously convicted in 1997 of a “strike” offense for residential burglary. He was arraigned this afternoon at the Butte County Superior Court and appointed counsel. He remains in custody on \$1,100,000 bail, and his next court appearance is scheduled for July 7, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

The investigation is ongoing. If anyone has information about this case, they are encouraged to call Butte County Sheriff Detective Zach Price or Detective Phil Wysocki at 530-538-7671.

