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(CLARKESVILLE, GA) The investigation into the death of Deborrah Collier has received extensive attention, both nationally and locally, on various platforms of news reporting and social media. However, it is important to keep in mind that this is a very complex case and that these types of investigations take an extended amount of time, well beyond the 19 days that have passed since the initial discovery. While investigators wait for information to return from the various submissions, search warrants, and subpoenas, there continues to be more questions than answers.

The autopsy report and findings and the results of numerous items submitted to the crime lab for analysis are still pending. The sheriff's office has begun to receive information from the initial series of subpoenas and search warrants. As this information is received, investigators, with the assistance of other law enforcement and civilian support personnel, are deciphering the responses in an attempt to identify a possible motive and persons of interest. Additionally, the sheriff's office continues to prepare and execute additional search warrants for various social media, communication, and location service providers.

As released earlier, investigators did obtain footage that shows the victim, Deborrah Collier, entering the store on September 10th at 2:55 p.m. and remaining there until 3:09 p.m. In the video, the victim appears to be calm and not in fear of anything. All video footage obtained from the store and surrounding businesses reflect that the victim was alone in the van at the time she visited the store. A review of the store receipt and the video footage from the store security cameras Investigators confirmed that the were further able to determine that the victim purchased a rain poncho, refillable torch lighter, a 2-roll pack of paper towels, a 7.5x9.5 OBD Tarp, and a reusable tote bag. This was confirmed by obtaining a copy of the store receipt and a copy of the video footage from the store security cameras. More recently, the security video of a neighboring business shoes the victim coming out of the Family Dollar store at 3:09 p.m. and sitting in her vehicle for 10 minutes before departing the parking lot. At 3:19 p.m., the victim leaves and heads south on Highway 15. This information allows investigators to narrow the time of death to a window beginning at 3:19 p.m. on Saturday, September 10 to the discovery of the body on Sunday, September 11 at 12:44 p.m.



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In an attempt to address the suggestions of this being a suicide or the work of a serial killer, we want to reiterate that there is nothing that has come from this investigation thus far that would support the theory that this was self-inflicted or that it was a random act of violence. At this time, the investigation is leading us to the proposition that Mrs. Collier's death was personal and targeted.

The Habersham County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, with guidance and support of numerous law enforcement and civilian support resources, is committed to remaining vigilant in investigating the death of Deborrah Collier and continues to encourage anyone with information regarding this investigation to contact Investigator Cale Garrison at (706) 839-0559 or Investigator George Cason at (706) 839-0560.