



Crawford County



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Crawford County Coroner, Eric D. Coston, PA-C, has directed and supervised the completion of a forensic autopsy on the unexpected death of Rebekah A. Byler that occurred February 26, 2024, in Sparta Township, Pennsylvania. The autopsy was completed at the Erie County Coroner's Office by Dr. Eric Vey, MD, board certified forensic pathologist on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

The autopsy was performed pursuant to the Pennsylvania Coroner Statutes listed in Act 154 of 2018, Article XII-B in order to identify a cause of death and to confirm the manner of death of the case.

An active investigation continues by the Pennsylvania State in collaboration with the Crawford County District Attorney and the Crawford County Coroner's Office. Details of the autopsy will not be released at this time in order to maintain the integrity of the active investigation.

Details provided by the Pennsylvania State Police prior to this release can only be confirmed by the Crawford County Coroner. Further information on the case will be provided through a concerted effort of all agencies involved.

Crawford County Coroner, Eric D. Coston, PA-C, is a board-certified physician assistant with 30-years of practice experience in primary care and emergency medicine before taking the helm of the Crawford County Coroner's Office January 1, 2024. Coroner Coston was the Chief Deputy Coroner to retired Crawford County Coroner Scott Schell and previously, a deputy coroner to retired Crawford County Coroner Patrick McHenry.

Public assistance is requested for any information regarding persons, vehicles, or unusual activity in the area of Fish Flats Road on the morning of February 26 that may be helpful in this case. Please call the Pennsylvania State Police Corry Barracks at 814-663-2043 with any information.

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