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Arrest and Booking Report

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Jacksonville, Florida

ADULT
GLOWACZ, GARY EDWARD

Year: 1987	Incident #: 744066	Amend #:
Previous Juvenile Jail Number:		
Jail #: 2026015020	Admitted: 07/08/2026 22:33	File Direct: YES
JSO ID#:	Court: Circuit	
SSN:	OBTS #:	

Incident Information

Incident Location

3611 COLEJEAN RD # 49
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32216

Sub-sector: **OTHER** TAZ:

Arrest Location

311 MONROE ST W
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202

Sub-sector: **A3** TAZ: **18**

Arresting Agency: **JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Day/Date/Time Arrested: **Wednesday, 07/08/2026 21:54**

Day/Date/Time Incident From: **Monday, 12/28/1987 03:50** To: **Monday, 12/28/1987 04:10**

Offense Location Type: **RESIDENCE-HOME**

Miscellaneous

Interviewed By: [REDACTED]

Is Arrestee currently on probation?: **NO**

Drug Activity: **USE** Drug Type: **CRACK COCAINE**

Arrest Made On: **CALL** Is Incident Gang Related?: **NO** Was Hate Crime Involved?: **NO** Was Dating Violence Involved?: **NO**

Domestic Violence Related?: **NO** If No, Is it Domestic Related?: **NO** Any Children under 18 Involved as a Victim?: **NO**

FELONY

Arrestee - GLOWACZ, GARY EDWARD

Demographics

Race: **WHITE**

Sex: **MALE**

Date of Birth: **03/08/1956**

Ethnicity: **NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN**

Primary Language: **English** Secondary Language: **NOT APPLICABLE**

Age: **70**

Height (inches): **5'10"**

Weight (lbs): **165**

Hair Style: **CREW CUT / BUZZ**

Hair Color: **GRAY/SALT & PEPPER**

Hair Length: **SHORT**

Build: **THIN**

Eye Color: **HAZEL**

Facial Hair: **BEARD**

Complexion: **FAIR / LIGHT** Voice: **NORMAL**

Clothing/Description:

Place of Birth: **UNKNOWN, NEW JERSEY, UNITED STATES**

Nicknames:

Aliases:

Distinguishing Marks (Scars, Marks, and Tattoos)

Contact Information

Home Phone #:

Bus. Phone #:

Ext.:

Alt. Phone #:

Cell Phone #:

Cell Phone Provider:

Email Address:

Primary Identification

Type of ID Given: **DRIVERS LICENSE**

ID: [REDACTED]

Issuing State: **FLORIDA**

Agency Identification

JSO ID:

JPICS ID: **1**

Home Address

Mailing Address

Alternate Address

Sub-sector: **06** TAZ:

Employment/School

Employer: **NONE**

Occupation:

School Last Attended:

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Country of Citizenship: **UNITED STATES** US Citizen?: **YES** Residence Type: **FLORIDA** Residence Status: **RESIDENT**
RTR written related to this incident?: **NO** RTR Incident Yr: RTR Incident #:
Drugs Involved?: **NO** Alcohol Involved?: **NO** Computer Involved?: **NO**
Is Arrestee a Gang member?: **NO** Required to register as a sex offender?: **NO**
Suspect Invoke Miranda?: **NO** Miranda Rights Given?: **YES** Arrestee Confessed?: **YES** Arrestee needs ADA Consideration?: **NO**

Weapon(s) Involved
Weapon(s): **BLUNT OBJECT (FELONY)**

Offense(s)

#1 Statute #: **782.04(2), 775.087(1)** Degree: **LF** UCR Code: Attempt Code: **Committed**

USER DEFINED : MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE WITH A WEAPON

Citation #:	SA #:	Warrant Type: Local Arrest Warrant
JSO Control #: 1774474	Warrant/Case #: 16-2026-AF-172646-FXXX-MA	No. of Counts:

Jurisdiction: **FLORIDA**

Court Location/Div.:

Purge/Bond Type: **No Bond**

Bond Amount:

Date of Issue: **07/08/2026** Date of Return: **07/08/2026**Criminal Activity Type: **None/Unknown****VOP/FTA ONLY**

Original Statute No:	Degree:	UCR Code:	Attempt Code: Committed
Description:			

#2 Statute #: **810.02(2)(a)** Degree: **F1** UCR Code: Attempt Code: **Committed**

BURGLARY WITH ASSAULT OR BATTERY

Citation #:	SA #:	Warrant Type: Local Arrest Warrant
JSO Control #: 1774474	Warrant/Case #: 16-2026-AF-172646-FXXX-MA	No. of Counts:

Jurisdiction: **FLORIDA**

Court Location/Div.:

Judge:

Purge/Bond Type: **No Bond**

Bond Amount:

Date of Issue: **07/08/2026** Date of Return: **07/08/2026**

Criminal Activity Type:

VOP/FTA ONLY

Original Statute No:	Degree:	UCR Code:	Attempt Code: Committed
Description:			

Additional Information

On Monday, December 28, 1987 at approximately 0400 hours, Melissa Ellison (20 years old) was found deceased in her home, located at [REDACTED] in Jacksonville, Florida. Melissa Ellison was found lying on her bed by her two roommates, Charlene Boeger and Chance Contereas. Jacksonville Fire and Rescue as well as the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) were called and responded to the scene.

Charlene Boeger advised JSO that she located the victim deceased in her bedroom after first finding the victim's thirteen-month-old child (C. E.) crying on the couch in the living room of the residence.

Further investigation revealed the victim sustained blunt force trauma to her head/neck area. There was blood on the sheets of the bed. Her head was positioned below the pillow and her nightgown was pulled up near her waistline, consistent with her body having been pulled down on the mattress. A wood log, with soot/ash was located on the floor of the residence, near the back door. There were also signs of soot/ash found on the victim's bed consistent with the wooden log having been used to strike the victim as she was lying in the bed.

The Medical Examiner's Office ruled the manner of death as a Homicide and determined the cause of death to be blunt force trauma to the head. No arrests were made in this case during the initial investigation.

On Wednesday, July 8, 2026, the Clay County Sheriff's Office received a call for service at the Vystar Credit Union located on Blanding Boulevard; the call was made by Gary Glowacz (who is currently 70 years old, but was 31 years old at time of murder). Gary Glowacz advised Clay County dispatch that he wanted to provide information in reference to a Cold Case Homicide. Clay County Sergeant Padgett responded to the scene and spoke to Gary Glowacz. Glowacz relayed that he wanted to set things straight in reference to the death of Melissa Ellison. He advised that he committed a burglary to her residence, came across her during the burglary and hit her with a log.

Glowacz was transported to JSO so that he could be interviewed. Glowacz was interviewed by Detective Stapp and Detective Brooks of the JSO Cold Case Unit. Glowacz was read his Constitutional Rights and agreed to speak to the detectives about this investigation. During the interview, Glowacz admitted that in March of 2026, he located an article describing a JSO Cold Case

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Homicide from 1987. After reading the details in the article, he realized that he was responsible for the death of Melissa Ellison. He advised he was on narcotics at the time and needed money. Glowacz decided to commit a burglary in order to find money or items to sell for money so that he could purchase drugs. Glowacz stated that he was in the area of [REDACTED] and entered a trailer via a window. He did not know who lived at the trailer, he had never been inside the trailer before, and did not have permission to enter the trailer. The trailer was in the area of a junk yard that he tried to look through first, but when he didn't find anything he decided to burglarize the trailer. It should be noted, law enforcement databases indicate Glowacz lived .5 mile away from the crime scene in 1987. Furthermore, Glowacz was arrested for a separate/unrelated burglary in the relative area approximately eighteen hours after the incident.

Glowacz admitted that after he entered the trailer, he walked into a bedroom and he discovered a female lying on the bed. Also on the bed was a baby. Glowacz then left the bedroom and picked up a wooden log that was inside the residence by the fireplace. Glowacz then reentered the bedroom and struck the female on the head by her neck, one time with the log. Glowacz stated he heard the female tell her baby "it will be alright" before she passed out. Glowacz picked up the baby from the bed and took the baby into the living room, where he placed the baby on the couch. After placing the baby on the couch, he placed pillows around the baby to secure her on the couch. Glowacz then returned to the bedroom to look for money.

Glowacz also admitted that he moved the victim after she was rendered incapacitated from being struck by the log. He grabbed the victim by her legs and pulled her body down and he then lifted the top corner of the mattress (the corner that was under the victim's head, prior to being pulled down) because he believed money could potentially be found hidden under the mattress. During the interview, Glowacz also accurately described the lay-out of the residence and advised that he left the wooden log inside the residence, before he left. The log was located inside the residence by JSO. Glowacz provided details during the interview that had not previously been released and were not included in the article that Glowacz observed in March, when he learned that the victim was deceased.

All of the details that Glowacz provided during the interview were consistent with the crime scene and evidence collected during the investigation. Additionally, Glowacz recalled that he was arrested for a separate burglary the day following this murder.

During the interview, Glowacz was asked why he wanted to confess to the crime now after all of these years. He shared with detectives that he was not aware that the victim died, although he knew it was a possibility, until he located the article in March of this year discussing the Cold case. Glowacz advised that he waited until today to admit to what he had done, because he wanted to get through the holidays, to avoid ruining the holidays for the family of the victim.

After confessing to the burglary and murder of Melissa Ellison, including details that were not previously reported, Glowacz was informed that he was being arrested for the murder and burglary with assault/battery.

Signature

I, L.A. JOHNSTON (#43826), swear or affirm that the information provided within this affidavit and any additional documentation referenced in this affidavit to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Arresting Officer #1: /s/ L.A. JOHNSTON (#43826)

Div/District or Unit: INVESTIGATIONS

Sworn to me this 8th day of July, 2026, by the referenced arresting officer under oath. The officer is personally known to me.

Approving Supervisor: /s/ J.L. DEVEREAUX (#68915) Status: Approved

Administrative

Transported By: [REDACTED]

Arresting Officer #2: [REDACTED]

Num of Cases Cleared: [REDACTED]

Additional Reviewers

Report Reviewer 2: /s/ [REDACTED]

Report approved on: 07/08/2026 22:32

Status: Approved

Investigation Time #1

Hour(s): 999

Minute(s): 00

Cost Amount: \$48,191.76

Victim #1 - ELLISON, MELISSA ANN

Did victim invoke right to prevent the disclosure of personal info (Marsy's Law)? YES

Demographics

Race: WHITE

Sex: FEMALE

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Ethnicity: NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN

Primary Language: English Secondary Language: NOT APPLICABLE

Age: [REDACTED]

Clothing/Description:

Contact Information

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Home Phone #: [REDACTED]

Cell Phone #:

Email Address:

Bus. Phone #:

Cell Phone Provider:

Ext.:

Alt. Phone #:

Primary Identification

Type of ID Given:

ID:

Issuing State:

Home Address

Mailing Address

Victim Relationship to Offender: **STRANGER**

Victim Notification

Victim want to be notified when the suspect is released from custody: **NO**

Victim received a VINE Brochure?: **N/A**

Victim understands that if they don't answer the telephone call within 24 hours of the suspect's release, they will receive a written notice: **N/A**

Contact Name: **JSO**

Contact Type: **Designated By Victim**

Bus. Contact Name: **COLD CASE UNIT** Bus. Contact Phone #: **(904) 255-2000** Ext.:

Physical Address

Mailing Address

Sub-sector: **A1 IAZ: 100**

Jail Information (Back Door)

Date and Time Admitted: **07/08/2026 22:33**

Jail Number: **2026015020**

Juvenile/Court Clerk #:

Triage Questions

Involved in Traffic Accident?: **NO** Injuries from Accident?:

Was OC Deployed Prior to/during Arrest?: **NO** Was a total appendage restraint used on the arrestee/inmate?: **NO**

Was pro-strait chair used on arrestee before admission to jail?: **NO**

Does the Arrestee Exhibit any Signs of Suicidal Behavior or Attempts?: **NO** Does the Arrested have any Observable Medical/Mental Health Problems?: **NO**

Has the Arrestee Shown any Escape Potential or Violence Propensity Behaviors?: **NO**

Is there any other Information about the Arrestee that Jail Personnel need to Know?: **NO**

If Yes, What?:

Jody Phillips
Clerk of Circuit Court

ADD ON DOCKET (Disruptive)

Date: JULY 09, 2026

Judge: Audrey Moran by Senior Retired Judge

P/A: JUSTIN ASBRAND

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PUBLIC DEFENDER APPT'D

PASS TO: 07/30/2026
CIRCUIT COURT

APP FOR CRIMINAL INDIGENT STATUS
DEFT FOUND (X) INDIGENT () NOT INDIGENT

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