



## MEDIA RELEASE

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Two Persons Charged In Murder Investigation

Sheriff's investigators have charged two persons today, Wednesday, January 25, in the murder of an elderly Claxton man. Sammie J. Adams, 79, of Patt Lane in Claxton, had been reported missing on Sunday, January 22. Adams' body was later found hidden underneath a staircase inside his apartment.

Sammie Adams' nephew, **Norman Lee Follis, Jr**, 48, has been charged with First Degree Murder and Felony Theft after the investigation into Adams' death. Follis' girlfriend, **Tammy Sue Chapman**, 43, also of Patt Lane, has been charged with Accessory After The Fact and Felony Theft. **Chapman** was also charged in an unrelated case with Aggravated Burglary for breaking into the home of Follis' father and step-mother. Additional charges may be filed on both **Follis** and **Chapman** as the investigation continues.



**Norman Lee Follis, Jr.**  
W/M 9/23/1963 (48)  
118 Patt Lane  
Powell, TN

**First Degree Murder**  
**Theft over \$500.00**

Bond Pending



**Tammy Sue Chapman**  
W/F 8/5/1968 (43)  
118 Patt Lane  
Powell, TN

**Accessory After The Fact**  
**Theft over \$500.00**

**Aggravated Burglary**  
Bond Pending

Both Follis and Chapman are being held in the Anderson County Detention Facility. Bond will be set at their arraignment.

Investigators are continuing to look into the circumstances surrounding Adams' death and are being assisted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. As this is an ongoing investigation, no additional details can be released at this time.

**Sheriff Paul White**