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Murder Charge Filed In Connection to 20 Year old

Zion National Park Cold Case

St. George, UT- The Washington County Attorney's Office has charged Las Vegas resident and former youth pastor David Vander Meer with murder and insurance fraud for an incident which occurred on August 22, 2006 in which his wife Bernadette Vander Meer fell to her death under suspicious circumstances during a hike on Angels Landing in Zion National Park. On June 22nd the U.S. Marshal's Office assisted the Washington County Attorney's Office in the apprehension of David Vander Meer pursuant to a warrant for his arrest signed by 5th District Court Judge Jay Winward.

After a tip was received, the investigation was re-opened by the Investigations Bureau of the Washington County Attorney's Office. We would like to thank Lt. Investigator Jessica Bate for her diligent efforts in the investigation of this case. If you have any information regarding David Vander Meer which could be relevant to this case, please call the Washington County Attorney's Office at (435) 301-7100. As a reminder, David Vander Meer is presumed innocent unless found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in court.