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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Olmsted County Attorney Mark Ostrem announced today that an Olmsted County Grand Jury issued an Indictment on January 4, 2024, charging Connor Fitzgerald Bowman with one count of Murder in the 1st Degree-Premeditated and with Intent and an additional count of Murder in the 2nd Degree with Intent.

Mr. Bowman had previously been charged with 2nd Degree Murder by complaint. The Grand Jury Indictment is considered a new charge and the original complaint is replaced with the indictment. Pursuant to Minnesota law, the Indictment authorizes a Life in Prison penalty. If convicted of Murder in the 1st Degree-Premeditated, Mr. Bowman shall be sentenced to life in prison without possibility of release.

The Indictment stems from an investigation into the death of Mr. Bowman's wife in August 2023. Betty Bowman became suddenly ill, reported to the hospital emergency department and on August 20, 2023, she died. Following an exhaustive investigation, law enforcement determined that Ms. Bowman died from a poisoning. The Grand Jury found probable cause that Mr. Bowman intentionally and with premeditation was responsible for her death.

Mr. Bowman has appeared on the indictment and will be arraigned on the Indictment January 16, 2024.