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Police Arrest Broadview Man For Murder

Oak Park Police detectives Thursday arrested and formally charged 40-year-old Rodney D. Adkins of 2112 S. 17th Ave., Broadview, with the murder of Catherine L. McAvinchey.

McAvinchey was found murdered in her apartment on July 31 by Oak Park Police officers who were investigating suspicious circumstances in a building located in the 900 block of Washington Boulevard.

Adkins was charged with three counts of murder and one count of residential burglary.

Oak Park Police Chief Rick C. Tanksley called Adkins' arrest the "result of a relentless investigation" by his detectives and praised the contributions of Forest Park police, the FBI and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

Adkins became a suspect following his arrest on Sept. 5 by Forest Park police in connection with a series of residential burglaries in the neighboring community that had similarities to the Oak Park crime. Oak Park Police then interviewed Adkins and determined he was a viable suspect. The ensuing investigation by Oak Park police culminated with his being charged Thursday with murdering McAvinchey.

"I would hope that this arrest in some small way brings some consolation to the family and friends of Catherine McAvinchey and to the Oak Park community as a whole," Tanksley said.

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