*Update: New York State Police are investigating a death in the town of Jay

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On September 13, 2026, the New York State Police arrested **Tucker J. Taylor, age 48, of Ausable Forks**, in connection with the homicide of Patricia Lawrence, age 54, in the town of Jay. Taylor was charged with Murder in the 2nd degree.

On August 2, 2026, State Police members responded to 150 Carey Road in the town of Jay after Lawrence was found deceased inside her residence.

An autopsy was conducted on August 3, 2026, by Forensic Pathologist, Dr. Michael Sikirica, at Glens Falls Hospital. The autopsy determined, Lawrence’s cause of death was severe hemorrhaging due to transection of the right jugular vein and perforations of the right carotid artery and left jugular vein, resulting from stab wounds to the neck. The manner of death was determined to be homicide.

Following an extensive investigation, which included the execution of multiple search warrants, investigators identified Taylor as a suspect in Lawrence’s death. The investigation was led by the New York State Police with assistance from the Plattsburgh Police Department, Lake Placid Police Department, Clinton County Sheriff’s Office, Essex County Sheriff’s Office, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Taylor was taken into custody and processed at SP Plattsburgh without incident.

Taylor will be arraigned on **September 13, 2026, at approximately 4:00 p.m.**,in the Town of Elizabethtown Court.

The Essex County District Attorney’s Office will prosecute the case.

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Update:

On August 3, 2026, at approximately 7:00 a.m., an autopsy was conducted at Glens Falls Hospital by Forensic Pathologist Dr. Michael Sikirica to determine the cause and manner of death.

Following the autopsy, the deceased female was identified as Patricia A. Lawrence, age 54, of Jay, NY. Dr. Sikirica determined the manner of death to be homicide.

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