



# KENTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### Homicide Arrest

Kentwood, MI – The Kentwood Police Department has arrested a suspect in the death of Amber Guichelaar, a 32-year-old teacher with Kentwood Public Schools. Guichelaar was discovered dead at her home on November 16, 2020. She had two young children, and was pregnant with her third child at the time of her death.

Kentwood Police detectives believed that the cause of her death was suspicious. Kentwood detectives worked this case for almost two months, and with the help of the Kent County Medical Examiner's Office, they were able to develop probable cause to arrest a suspect for her murder. Kent County Prosecutor Chris Becker issued an open murder warrant for the suspect on January 8, 2021. The suspect was arrested by the Kentwood Police Department on that warrant today.

The Kentwood Police Department is not releasing any information on the suspect until the individual is arraigned on Monday, January 11, 2021. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to call the Kentwood Police Department at (616) 698-6580 or contact Silent Observer.

UPDATE January 11, 2021

Richard James Guichelaar, 35 years old, was arraigned on an open murder charge on January 11, 2021 in the 62-B District Court in front of Judge Sterkenburg. His bond was set at two million dollars and his next court date will be on January 21, 2021.