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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

IOWA CITY MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 (JOHNSON COUNTY, IA) – Joshua Perry, 34, of Iowa City, has been charged with First Degree Murder for the death of Victoria Skarda, 33. On January 6, 2025, Perry called 911 to report that a girl was passed out and cold inside his residence. Upon arrival of emergency medical services and law enforcement, the female was identified as Victoria Skarda and was pronounced deceased. Skarda lived at the residence with Perry and was the mother of his minor child. An autopsy was performed and Skarda's death was ruled a homicide, listing the cause of death as Cardiorespiratory arrest in the setting of recent physical assault.

The investigation into Skarda's death revealed that the defendant assaulted Skarda on the morning of January 6, 2025. Personnel from the Iowa City Police Department previously responded to the same address for reports of domestic altercations, including one instance on December 7, 2021, where Skarda was heard yelling that she could not breathe and "take your hands off my neck."

A criminal charge is merely an accusation, and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

If you or someone you know is being abused by an intimate partner, please contact DVIP/RVAP at 800-373-1043 or 800-228-1625. You can also visit their website at [www.dvypiowa.org](http://www.dvypiowa.org).

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**Attached:**

Complaint – Murder in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR  
JOHNSON COUNTY

This Complaint and Affidavit is to be:

- Filed with Court Clerk (cc: CA)
- Submitted to County Attorney
- Filed with JCO - Defendant is a Juvenile

Form Number: **2025002279**

Arrest Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF IOWA

VS.

OFFENDER

Last <b>PERRY</b>		First <b>JOSHUA</b>		Middle <b>RAPHAEL</b>		Suffix	
Address <b>364 CAMDEN ROAD</b>				City <b>IOWA CITY</b>		State <b>IA</b>	Zip Code <b>52245</b>
DL# [REDACTED]	State <b>IA</b>	DL Class <b>0</b>	DL Endorsements		DL Restrictions		
Date of Birth <b>11/11/1990</b>	Gender <b>MALE</b>	Race <b>BLACK - B</b>		Ethnicity <b>NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN - N</b>			
Height <b>5' 09"</b>	Weight <b>160 LBS</b>	Eye Color <b>BROWN - BRO</b>		Hair Color <b>BLACK - BLK</b>			

OFFENSE

State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>	Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Code Section <b>707.2(1)(A)</b>	Crime Description <b>MURDER IN THE 1ST DEGREE</b>			Speed	in	Zone	
Class <b>FELA</b>			Serious P.I. <input type="checkbox"/>	Fatal Accident <input type="checkbox"/>	Civil Damage Assessment <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>				
Location Type <b>20 - RESIDENCE/HOME</b>										
Literal Description <b>OFF ROADWAY/ROADWAY NOT FOUND</b>										
Address <b>364 CAMDEN ROAD</b>				City <b>IOWA CITY</b>			State <b>IA</b>	Zip Code <b>52245</b>		
Is Date and Time of Incident Known? <b>1</b>		Incident Date or Low Range <b>01/06/2025</b>		Upper Date Range		Incident Time or Low Range <b>05:00</b>		Upper Time Range		

STATUS OF OFFENDER/JUVENILE

<input type="checkbox"/> TAKEN INTO CUSTODY	CUSTODY	<input type="checkbox"/> SUMMONS TO APPEAR (Citation Issued)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WARRANT REQUESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> NO CONTACT ORDER REQUESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RELEASED TO PARENT/GUARDIAN

NARRATIVE

Narrative of Offense Committed

On or about the above stated date and time, the Defendant did having malice aforethought, willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation kill \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA, JOHNSON COUNTY

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state that all facts contained in this Complaint and Affidavit, known by me or told to me by other reliable persons form the basis for my belief that the defendant committed this crime

State all facts and persons relied upon supporting elements of alleged crime

On 01-06-2025, the defendant called 911 to report that a girl was passed out and cold inside his residence. Upon arrival of emergency medical services and law enforcement, the female was identified as Victoria Skarda. Skada lived at the residence with Perry and was the mother of his minor child. Skarda was determined to be deceased. An autopsy was performed and Skarda's death was ruled a homicide, listing the cause of death as Cardiorespiratory arrest in setting of recent physical assault. The investigation into Skarda's death revealed that the defendant assaulted Skarda on the morning of 01-06-2025. Personnel from the Iowa City Police Department previously responded to the same address for reports of domestic altercations, including one instance where Skarda was heard yelling that she could not breathe and "Take your hands off my neck" (12/07/2021).



SMITHEY, MICHAEL 19E

Signature of Complainant or Officer, Officer Name & Number

**GENERAL PROBABLE CAUSE**

Defendant Implicated  
**07 - IDENTIFIED BY WITNESSES, 09 - NEAR SCENE OF CRIME, 14 - OTHER PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

Operating Motor Vehicle in County	Other Physical Evidence <b>DATA AND AUTOPSY</b>	Attempted To Inflict Injury
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**STATE OF IOWA, JOHNSON COUNTY**

	Subscribed and sworn to before me by the person(s) signing the Complaint and Affidavit(s) on 03/10/2025	
	Notary Name <b>CARSON BARRON</b>	Signature of Verifying Party 
	Commission Number	
	My Commission Expires	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peace Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Notary <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecuting Attorney