



**STATE OF KANSAS
Tenth Judicial District
Steve Howe, District Attorney**

Date: May 3, 2021

The State of Kansas has charged Michael L. Balance, 58, of Des Moines, Iowa, with one count of premeditated first degree murder in Johnson County District Court case number 21CR1333.

On May 1, 2021, at approximately 6:09 P.M., Prairie Village Police officers responded to a life-threatening medical call at an apartment in Prairie Village, Kansas. Upon arrival, 70 year-old John Hoffman, was located deceased inside the residence.

The arrest was the result of an investigation by the Prairie Village Police Department, the Kansas City Metro Squad, and the Johnson County Crime Lab.

Mr. Balance's bond is currently set at \$1,000,000. His first appearance in District Court has not been scheduled.

Michael Balance should be presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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