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Fort Wayne, Indiana

## Man charged with murder after mother-in-law's slaying

News-Sentinel staff reports

A Fort Wayne man faces a murder charge stemming from a grisly slaying that took place in August.

The felony charge was filed Thursday in Allen Superior Court against Freddie M. Alcantar Jr., 36, in the death of his mother-in-law, 59-year-old Debra Jones, who was found Aug. 30 in her bathroom in her home on Myanna Lane.

Jones, who was found covered in blood, had sustained what ap-

peared to be stab wounds to her head and neck, according to the probable-cause affidavit filed in the case. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Allen County Coroner's Office ruled her death a homicide, the 30th of 44 such rulings in 2013.

According to the probable-cause affidavit, a shoe/boot print was found under Jones' body, and blood evidence was collected and sent for DNA profiling.

On Sept. 6, investigators from

the Fort Wayne Police Department were able to obtain consent from Erika and Freddie Alcantar Jr. — Jones' daughter and son-in-law — and allegedly collected samples of dried blood from a home.

A search warrant was obtained to check Freddie Alcantar's cell phone, and it showed that he re-

ceived a phone call from Erika Alcantar at around 2:36 a.m. Aug. 30, according to the probable-cause affidavit. Information from the cell phone tower allegedly indicates that Alcantar was at the location of the homicide within the time frame of Jones' death; Alcantar, however, denied that he left his residence and was with Erika Alcantar, in bed, all night.

On Dec. 26, the FWPD reportedly viewed surveillance video from a Speedway gas station that alleged-

ly showed Freddie Alcantar talking on a cellphone at around 2:36 a.m. Aug. 30 and wearing an orange T-shirt, black shorts and red shoes, according to the affidavit — but investigators did not find those shoes during a search.

On Wednesday, the Indiana State Police notified FWPD investigators that blood evidence collected from a kitchen counter at the homicide scene was positively

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F. Alcantar



File photo by Kevin Leininger of The News-Sentinel Carol Koehl, left, daughter Becky Moher, and Frank Koehl hold a photo of Alicia Koehl.

## Process to disinter killer's remains from cemetery moves along

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Anderson

Michael Anderson's permanent headstone has been replaced with a temporary paper marker — a sign the man who killed a woman with deep Fort Wayne ties will soon be removed from hallowed ground in a Michigan national cemetery.

But at least for now, the Veterans Administration — which is acting only after a new federal law forced it to do so — is not

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## Ohio executions face obstacles after long death

Inmate's family claims method unconstitutional.

By ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS  
of The Associated Press

LUCASVILLE, Ohio — Ohio's capital punishment system likely faces new challenges after an unusually long execution in which the condemned man appeared to gasp several times.



McGuire

Family members of death row inmate Dennis McGuire planned a news conference today to announce a lawsuit over McGuire's death, which they are calling unconstitutional. And it's almost certain lawyers will use McGuire's Thursday execution to challenge Ohio's plans to put a condemned Cleveland-area killer to death next month.

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# 50 YEARS of the BEATLES

reliving the overwhelming debut of 1964



From The Associated Press The Beatles set off the British music invasion when they arrived 50 years ago in New York City to appear Feb. 9, 1964, on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

By JAMES GRANT  
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Fifty years ago this month, radio airwaves across America were being inundated by the strange, new and vibrant sounds of the Beatles' song "I Want to Hold Your Hand."

The Beatles were already a

sensation in Britain, so much so that the British press had coined the phrase Beatlemania to describe the frenzied response audiences had to the group.

Teenage girls screamed and swooned at the sight of the four "Mop Tops," as they became known, and that same audience sent Beatle records to the top of

## The Beatles anniversary events

Here is a list of events scheduled and items being released in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Beatles' arrival in America in 1964. Some items have not been confirmed by the Beatles' website or the Apple/Universal record label:

- ◆ **Tuesday:** "The U.S. Albums" 13-CD boxed set released. Individual albums will also be made available initially.
- ◆ **Jan. 26:** Grammy Awards tribute to the Beatles.
- ◆ **Jan. 27:** Beatles tribute concert in Los Angeles with some of today's top acts.
- ◆ **Feb. 1:** The Beatles on the cover of Time magazine.
- ◆ **Feb. 3-7:** "Late Show with David Letterman" will feature a Beatles song a day by other artists.
- ◆ **Feb. 9:** The Jan. 27 concert will be shown on TV.
- ◆ **February:** Re-release of the vinyl "LOVE" album.
- ◆ **March:** Henry Grossman's Beatles photos will be on "60 Minutes."
- ◆ **June:** Tentative release date for mono albums vinyl boxed set.
- ◆ **October:** Tentative release date for video clip collection on DVD, based on "1." Other tie-ins for "1" may include a re-released vinyl album.

Source: <http://wogev.blogspot.com/2013/12/upcoming-50th-anniversary-usa-events.html> and [www.nycfab50.com](http://www.nycfab50.com)

the charts in the United Kingdom in 1963.

In February 1964, the Beatles — John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr — set foot in America for the first time.

"It really was an invasion," said Rena Black of Fort Wayne, who, with her brother, John Stein, first saw the band during one of their two concerts Sept. 3, 1964, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum in Indianapolis. "It was overwhelming. It was everybody's favorite music. ...

There just had not been a musical experience for my generation like the Beatles."

In one of many upcoming anniversary events, "The U.S. Albums," a 13-CD boxed set of the Beatles' music, will be released Tuesday.

## Breaking through

The songs "Please Please Me," "From Me to You" and "She Loves You" had sold in record numbers throughout 1963 in

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## Civil rights veteran to speak at MLK service

By ELLIE BOGUE  
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DeLois McKinley remembers the days when there was white and colored water fountains.

"I was bound and determined to taste the whites-only (water), and I did, several times," McKinley said.

At 67, McKinley has seen many changes since the civil rights movement. She grew up in

## Celebration

**What:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day service  
**When:** 11:30 a.m. Monday  
**Where:** Huntington University, Zurcher Auditorium of the Merillat Centre for the Arts  
**Admission:** Free and open to the public.



By Ellie Bogue of The News-Sentinel

DeLois McKinley, 67, was active in the civil rights movement in Alabama in the 1960s.

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TONIGHT: Cloudy with snow possible before 7 p.m. Low of 10. Sunset at 5:40 p.m.

SATURDAY  
Snow  
HIGH 22 | LOW 13

SUNDAY  
Partly sunny  
HIGH 27 | LOW 22

