



ONEIDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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On February 5, 2018 at approximately 10:40 A.M., Robin Mendez, 69, of Minocqua was arrested for the murder of his wife, Barbara Mendez. Barbara Mendez was murdered on April 28, 1982 at the Park City Credit Union building that had previously been located on Highway 51 at County Highway J in the City of Minocqua. The Barbara Mendez murder case has been worked by the Oneida County Sheriff's Office as well as the Minocqua Police Department over the past 36 years.

The Oneida County Sheriff's Office investigative team has spent the past several months going over all of that information and putting it together into one comprehensive report for District Attorney Michael Schiek. We have re-interviewed every witness we could locate and that compilation has lead us to the information we have today. Based on the evidence that now exists, Robin Mendez has been arrested for the 1982 murder of his wife. Robin Mendez will appear in Oneida County Circuit Court on February 6, 2018 at 1:15 PM.

Sheriff Hartman said, "I have met with the daughters of Barbara Mendez and it has been very important to me that we ensure we have done everything we could to find Barbara Mendez's murderer. Today we have verified what many within the community have told us."

District Attorney Michael Schiek said, "This is an old case and the Oneida County Sheriff's Office has continued to work it. The Oneida County Sheriff's Office and the Oneida County District Attorney's Office have been working together for years to ensure the person who did this is held accountable. We feel at this time, the evidence supports the arrest. "

Anyone with information about Barbara Mendez's murder should contact Captain Terri Hook at 715-361-5100.