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## **Clawson Woman Arrested and Charged with Lying to Police Officers in the London Thomas Death Investigation**

Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Charla Rashida Pendergrass, 48, of Clawson, in connection with lying to police officers during an investigation.

Between April 5, 2025, and April 24, 2025, it is alleged that Defendant Pendergrass failed to tell the truth to FBI agents while they were conducting a criminal investigation into the death of London Thomas. Aspects of the case currently remain under investigation and no further information will be released at this time.

This morning Charla Rashida Pendergrass was arrested by the Michigan State Police on a charge of Lying to a Peace Officer – Violent Crime Investigation, a felony carrying a maximum penalty of 4 years in prison.\*

She was arraigned this afternoon in 22nd District Court before Judge Sabrina Johnson and given a \$50,000 cash/surety bond with a GPS tether. She was ordered to have no contact with the witnesses in the investigation, to surrender her passport, not to leave the state of Michigan without permission, and no possession of weapons of ammunition.

The Probable Cause Conference is scheduled for May 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., before Judge Sabrina Johnson.

Please request a photograph of the defendant from the Michigan State Police Department.

\*The charges are allegations and defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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