

On 12/26/2012, Members of the Washington County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported deceased person located off Four Corners Road in the Prairie Grove area. Upon arrival investigators discovered a homicide had taken place. The deceased person was later identified as Ronnie Bradley. Mr. Bradley had been severally beaten and left at the aforementioned location. Investigators received information that Anthony A Swinford was involved with the incident. Anthony Swinford was subsequently arrested for an unrelated warrant.

During an interview with Anthony Swinford he disclosed he had beat Mr. Bradley and left Mr. Bradley in the area of the aforementioned location. Anthony Swinford disclosed Heather Swain, James Patton, and Timothy Swinford were accomplices to the beating. Anthony Swinford's statement was corroborated by him riding with Washington County Investigators (recorded) and pointing out the incident location (s). Anthony Swinford stated he had punched the victim several times, as well as his co-defendants punching/beating on the victim. The altercations took place at different locations within the southwest area of Washington County. Investigators recovered bloody clothing, as well as a motor vehicle used in commission of the crime. It was also discovered, through some of the defendants confessions, that Bradley had said, "Please take me home", during the beatings. Each defendant had marks upon their person indicating they were involved with an altercation.

During interviews with three of the four defendants they made admissions to their involvement with the beating. Some of their admissions were corroborated by witness statements, video evidence, and physical evidence, which were taken from the home (s) and the vehicle used in the crime. During the course of the investigation, it was discovered Heather Swain tampered with physical evidence.

The Washington County Prosecutor Office has asked no bond be set on any of the defendants in this case due to it being a Capital Murder offense.