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**WOMAN CHARGED IN COLD CASE DEATH
OF HER GRANDDAUGHTER**

FLINT – Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton has charged a Flint woman in the nearly fifteen year old cold case death of her granddaughter.

Lois Arlene Janish, 74 (d.o.b. 1-9-40), is charged with open murder related to the 1998 disappearance of her granddaughter, Coral Hall, age 14. According to the cold case investigation led by Detective Sergeant Gregory Hosmer of the Flint Police Department, Hall was last seen or heard from on September 22, 1998.

On that date, Hall had allegedly called a friend asking if she could stay at the friend's home. The friend said that the two were to meet at a pre-arranged location but that Hall never showed up. Another childhood friend of Hall's made a similar statement that Hall had called her also around that time to say she had been fighting with her grandmother and wanted to come over to stay at that friend's house. That second friend also said Hall never arrived. Other friends of Hall told investigators that around that time in September of 1998, Hall was never seen again by any of them.

Hall had been living with her grandmother and her grandmother's boyfriend on Ann Arbor Street in Flint at the time of Hall's disappearance. The boyfriend has since died. Hall's body has never been found and nobody has reported seeing or hearing from Hall since September 22, 1998.

Janish has been arrested and is in custody. She is expected to be arraigned in 68th District Court this afternoon.

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