

Murder Charges in Case of Missing British Teen

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A 16-year-old British teen was reported missing from her home in Bristol on February 19th. The missing person case changed to a murder case after [her body parts were found two miles from her home](#). The evidence found has implicated the victim's 28-year-old stepbrother and his girlfriend.

The stepbrother is facing murder charges while his 21-year-old girlfriend is facing charges of attempting to pervert the course of justice.

Sufficient Evidence

A member of the Crown Prosecution Service, Rachael Scott, explained, "There is sufficient evidence to charge [the stepbrother] with the murder. I have also concluded that there is sufficient evidence to charge [his girlfriend] with attempting to pervert the course of justice."

She went on to say that the two defendants have the right to a fair trial. "It is very important that there should be no reporting, commentary or sharing of information online which could in any way prejudice these proceedings."

Along with the two suspects in custody, four men and women are also in holding. All are in their twenties and are suspected to have assisted in the offense. They too were arrested and questioned after the remains were found.

Murder & Manslaughter Charges in Arizona

In AZ, an individual can be charged with [murder or manslaughter](#). What distinguishes these two charges is premeditation. If someone devises a plan or premeditates the killing of another human prior to committing the offense, they will be charged with murder.

Manslaughter occurs when an individual kills another but it was unintentional or in the heat of the moment. In order to convict someone of murder in Arizona, there must be evidence that a person killed another human with malice and premeditation.

For the state of Arizona to convict an individual of manslaughter, prosecutors must acquire proof that the person killed another human being. Murder is a very severe crime accompanied with harsh punishments. If found guilty of murder in AZ, an individual could face the following penalties:

- Life in prison
- Hefty fines
- Restitution fines to the victims' family
- The death penalty

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