

APSO: Former Evergreen police chief arrested for wife's murder, misappropriating funds

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2015 Cop Domestic Violence Murder Police Chief Charles Mayeux Jr.



• AVOYELLES PARISH, La. —A former police chief was arrested for his alleged role in the murder of his wife earlier this year in Avoyelles Parish, authorities said.

Charles Mayeux Jr. was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for second-degree murder and aggravated

arson. He was previously chief of police in Evergreen, Louisiana, according to the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office.

According to the APSO, Charles Mayeux Jr. called 911 during the early-morning hours on March 21 to report a fire at his home in Evergreen. Fire crews and emergency responders found the remains of his wife, Shelly St. Romain Mayeux, inside the home.

The APSO said an investigation by the state Fire Marshal's Office found the circumstances surrounding the fire suspicious. Further investigation caused the Sheriff's Office to open an investigation into Shelly St. Romain Mayeux's death.

An arrest warrant for Charles Mayeux Jr. was issued earlier this year charging him with second-degree murder and aggravated arson. An additional warrant was filed charging him with six counts of malfeasance in office and six counts of theft, the APSO said.

According to investigators, Charles Mayeux Jr. is accused of misappropriating public funds from the Village of Evergreen by falsifying gas purchase records. From 2013 to 2014, Mayeux allegedly converted the proceeds from the gas purchases for his personal use while he was serving as police chief, the APSO said.

Charles Mayeux Jr. was booked for the charges against him. He is being held in lieu of \$350,000 bond.