Hossencofft witness indicted

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A grand jury has indicted the witness whose grand jury testimony led to two arrests in the case of a missing Albuquerque woman.

Bill Miller, 50, was charged with conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, kidnapping, conspiracy to kidnap, evidence tampering and conspiracy to tamper with evidence late Friday, prosecutor Paul Spiers said.

Girly Chew Hossencofft, 36, was last seen Sept. 9, 1999. She is presumed dead.

The grand jury returned the indictments around 11 p.m. Friday after three days of testimony, Spiers said. The indictment will be filed in state District Court today and Spiers will seek to have the case linked with two others.

Diazien Hossencofft, 36 and Linda Henning, 47, are charged with murder, kidnapping and other charges in connection with Girly Hossencofft's disappearance.

Both remain in custody on a $2.5 million cash-only bonds.

Miller has been in custody on a $1 million cash-only bond since Feb. 12.

DNA matching Girly Hossencofft's has been found on several items discovered on U.S. 60, west of Magdelena.

According to a search warrant affidavit, investigators found DNA evidence linking Miller to Girly Hossencofft's apartment.

Miller testified before a special grand jury in the fall of 1999 that Diazien Hossencofft tried twice to recruit him to kill Girly Hossencofft.

Miller opened a safety deposit box on Sept. 9, 1999, the day of, or day before, Girly Hossencofft disappeared, the search warrant said.

Investigators searched Miller's safety deposit box on Sept. 29, 1999 and found $10,350 in cash wrapped in tin foil. They also found more than $12,000 in gold coins, according to the affidavit.

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