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John Douglas White, age 55, was arraigned today in the Isabella County Trial Court on charges of First Degree Murder and Open Murder for allegedly killing Rebekah Gay, age 24. White, a Deerfield Township resident, is alleged to have killed Ms. Gay at her home on Coldwater Road in the early morning hours of October 31, 2012. Police investigators recovered the body of Rebekah Gay this morning. An autopsy is scheduled to take place in Grand Rapids.

First Degree Murder is punishable by life without parole; Open Murder is punishable by life. Chief Judge Paul H. Chamberlain conducted an arraignment at 3:00 p.m. today and ordered White to be held without bail. He appointed the Isabella County Public Defender to provide representation for White. A preliminary examination is set for November 8, 2012 at 8:15 a.m. with Judge William R. Rush.

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