

AYERS, MARK ALLEN  
April 30, 1960-May 28, 1993

The Platte County Sheriff's office and the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) in Cheyenne are investigating a death which occurred last Friday during the early evening hours south of Chugwater.

Platte County Undersheriff David Schultz said the incidence took place at a residence one and one-half miles south of Chugwater, and involved two Chugwater residences.

Schultz said the preliminary investigation has been completed, and added that second degree murder charges had been filed against Dawn R. Witt, 19. She is charged in connection with the death of Mary Ayers, 29, at the home they shared south of Chugwater.

Witt appeared before visiting Judge Dennis Meier of Niobrara on Saturday and is presently being held in the Platte County Detention Center.

Schultz said the Sheriff's office and the D.C.I. are continuing their investigation.

Schultz said the initial call came to Platte County Dispatch Center at 5:20 p.m. Friday evening.

The funeral arrangements for Mr. Ayers are being handled by the Platte Funeral Chapel.

The maximum penalty for conviction of second degree murder in Wyoming is a 20-year prison sentence.

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