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Woman Charged with Identity Theft and Credit Card Fraud after Boyfriend's Dead Body Discovered

Authorities have arrested the girlfriend of a missing Louisa County man after a body believed to be his was found at the bottom of a well Friday.

Ulisa Marie Chavers, 60, was charged early yesterday morning with concealment of a dead body, possession of a sawed-off rifle, identity theft and credit-card fraud, all felonies, said Maj. Donnie Lowe of the Louisa County Sheriff's Office.

Chavers is being held at the Central Virginia Regional Jail in Orange without bond.

Chavers lived in the 100 block of Garretts Mill Road in Mineral with Reginal Cody Bowles, who would have turned 55 in December and had been reported missing by his son in November.

Authorities executed a search warrant Friday morning on the property, where a cadaver dog led them to an unused well. A body believed to be that of Bowles was found stuffed at the bottom of the narrow, 25-foot-deep well, covered by a tarp and wrapped in two sleeping bags.

The body was sent to the state medical examiner's office for identification and to determine the cause of death.

Investigators from the Social Security Administration in Washington also were involved because Bowles' Social Security checks had been cashed since he was last seen, Lowe said.

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