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(Neb.)-Siefke Trial To Be Moved To May

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(Alliance)-A Hemingford woman accused of being an accessory in the death of former Alliance resident Josh Bullock has had her trial moved to late May. KCOW in Alliance reported that Judge Travis O'Gorman scheduled a three-day trial for Rose Siefke to begin May 20. She remains free on bond. Bullock had disappeared after a visit to Alliance in December 2011 and the case remained a mystery until last summer. 27-year-old Andy Gonzalez of Alliance told law enforcement during a June 12 standoff in downtown Alliance that he had killed Bullock in Alliance in December, then transported his body to Dawes County and buried it in the Pine Ridge forest south of Chadron.

Gonzalez was killed by police, but police interviews afterward with Siefke led to her leading authorities to the where the body was found in a shallow grave after a search. Siefke is accused of helping Gonzalez hide the body by driving his pickup to Dawes County while he drove Bullock's pickup with the body inside. Prosecutors say Gonzalez burned Bullock's pickup with the body inside, then returned two days later with Siefke to move the remains and bury them in a different location. She says she helped him only because he threatened her and her family.

Siefke's attorney, Larry Miller of Alliance, has filed a motion asking the court to appoint new counsel for Siefke. That motion is scheduled to be heard on March 7 at 8:30 a.m. Miller is one of two finalists for the position of county court judge to be based in Alliance.

Miller and Dawes County Public Defender Paul Wess are scheduled to be interviewed by Governor Dave Heineman within the next week, with an appointment announcement expected in early March.

(Story courtesy KCOW)