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CONVICTED KILLER CHARGED WITH 1982 MURDER OF SEASIDE MOTHER

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District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Alfred Powell, a 60-year-old inmate at California State Prison-Solano in Vacaville, has been charged with the 1982 murder of Sandra Steppuhn McGee, a Seaside woman who had been listed as a missing person until her skeletal remains were found buried in a Monterey yard last year.

At the time of her disappearance on December 9, 1982, McGee was a 32-year-old mother of three children who lived with roommates in Seaside. McGee was last seen giving a ride to a male hitchhiker whom witnesses would later identify as Powell. The car she was driving the night of her disappearance was found abandoned in Monterey in 1983, but McGee was never seen alive again. She remained a missing person for the next 32 years.

In September 2015, landscapers digging in a yard on Third Street in Monterey located McGee's skeletal remains buried in a makeshift grave on the property. At the time of her disappearance, Powell lived in a garage on the property where McGee's remains were discovered.

Powell is currently serving a term of 15 years to life in state prison for the March 3, 1983 murder of Suzanne Kay Nixon, a 30-year-old hairstylist from Pebble Beach. He was convicted of second-degree murder in 1983 and has been a state prison inmate ever since.

Powell will be arraigned on one count of first-degree murder for McGee's death on Wednesday, June 1, 2016.