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Jon and Carie Hallford enter guilty pleas, accept plea agreements in state cases

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Jon Hallford and Carie Hallford, owners of the now-defunct Return to Nature Funeral Home in Colorado Springs, separately entered guilty pleas in their state criminal cases being prosecuted in El Paso County.

Both Hallfords entered into individual plea agreements on December 16, 2025:

- Jon Hallford entered a guilty plea and will receive a prison sentence between 30-50 years.
- Carie Hallford entered a guilty plea and will receive a prison sentence between 25-35 years.

On November 08, 2023, Jon and Carie Hallford were arrested in Wagoner, Oklahoma on suspicion of committing the crimes of **Abuse of a Corpse**, C.R.S. 18-13-101, a Class 6 Felony; **Theft**, 18-4-401(1)(b), to include both Class 5 and Class 6 Felony counts; **Money Laundering**, 18-5-309, a Class 3 Felony; and **Forgery**, 18-5-102, a Class 5 Felony.

The Hallfords' arrests stemmed from an October 2023 investigation, involving multiple law enforcement agencies, that was prompted by reports of a foul odor coming from the funeral home's facility in Penrose. At that time, the Fremont County Sheriff's Office received a state warrant to search the premises, where they discovered 189 improperly stored bodies in various states of decomposition. Two additional bodies were found to have been improperly buried.

The court has scheduled a hearing in both cases for Monday, December 22, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. to determine if the court will accept these guilty pleas.

Jon Hallford's sentencing date is tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 6, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

Carrie Hallford's sentencing date is tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

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