

Missing Person Report and Initial Investigation

Rebecca Park, 22, was reported missing on November 4, 2025, after last being seen on November 3 at approximately 11:30 p.m. at Cortney Bartholomew's residence. Cortney initially told Deputy Reed that an unidentified friend picked Rebecca up in a black sedan with tinted windows. Cortney also reported finding Rebecca's phone less than 200 yards from her residence after being sent a screenshot of its location by Rebecca's sister, Kimberly Park. Bradley later confirmed that he was the person who found the phone.

The affidavit notes Cortney's text messages to her sister, Candis Freeman, on November 3, stating her newborn son, Ashton Lee Bartholomew (allegedly born at 28 weeks), had passed away. She claimed to have watched him die in front of her.

Discovery of the Body and Autopsy Findings

On November 25, 2025, a body covered with leaves was found approximately 2.5 miles from the Bartholomews' residence. The deceased female had a tattoo consistent with Rebecca Park's driver's license image, and the abdomen appeared to have been cut open.

An autopsy confirmed the body as Rebecca Park, revealing multiple sharp force wounds, including six to her back. Crucially, the abdomen had incised wounds, the placenta was present, but the fetus was absent. Rebecca Park's stomach also contained copious amounts of a blue-green chalky residue.

Admissions and Mobile Device Data

During a November 25 search of the residence, Trooper Campbell overheard Cortney tell Bradley that the seat cover from their Ford F-150 had recently been burned and disposed of after something had been spilled on it.

Cellular data records for Bradley Bartholomew's device showed him active and lingering in the areas consistent with where Rebecca Park's phone was found and where her body was discovered on the evening of November 3, 2025, after Rebecca's arrival at the residence. Bradley later admitted lying in his first interview about not being at the residence due to his Sex Offender Registry status. He also confirmed cleaning up blood on the dash of the white Ford and removing the seat covers that had white paint on them, though he claimed he didn't know what happened until later.

During a recorded interview on November 30, 2025, Cortney, seeking immunity, eventually confessed to having "guilty knowledge" and offered to give up the location of the knife and the baby. Cortney stated the baby was deceased and "in the garbage, in a blue cooler," which she identified as Bradley's work cooler.

Cortney implicated Bradley, claiming he pulled Rebecca out of the car, and took her away while telling Cortney to go into the house. She confirmed the black car story was fabricated. Cortney later admitted to an act of cutting the baby out in an attempt to save him after Bradley had stabbed

Rebecca, and that Bradley held a knife to Rebecca's throat to get her in the truck. Cortney said Bradley placed the baby in the cooler, in a trash bag, and threw it in a GFL receptacle.

Bradley Bartholomew, in a second interview, also admitted to lying earlier, and reported cleaning blood from the truck's dash and removing the seat cover after Cortney asked him to. He also confirmed that Cortney has scalpels in her bedside stand, and he remembered someone saying, "Don't you dare have this baby in the hospital" when Rebecca was hospitalized on Sunday, November 2.