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CARPENTERSVILLE MAN CHARGED IN 2011 MURDER OF HIS FRIEND AUTHORITIES SAY DENNIS KUZARA STABBED 57-YEAR-OLD ISABELLA TREJO TO DEATH

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A 73-year-old Carpentersville man is charged with first-degree murder in the 2011 stabbing death of a close friend.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged **Dennis Kuzara** with first-degree murder, 2 counts, in the October 2, 2011, stabbing death of 57-year-old Isabella Trejo of Carpentersville.

According to Kane County prosecutors and Carpentersville police, Isabella Trejo's relatives became alarmed when she did not show up for a family funeral on Oct. 2, 2011. They alerted security personnel at the apartment complex where she lived. The security officers entered Trejo's apartment and found her in her bed, dead of an apparent stabbing.

The case had been under investigation since 2011. Recent evidence, including DNA, came to light that directly connected Kuzara to Trejo's homicidal death.

Kuzara appeared this morning in Kane County bond court in front of Kane County Associate Judge Robert Villa. Judge Villa set Kuzara's bail at \$2 million, with 10 percent (\$200,000) to apply for bond. Judge Villa set Kuzara's initial court appearance for 9 a.m. Dec. 12, 2018, in Courtroom 313 at the Kane County Judicial Center in front of Circuit Judge James C. Hallock

If convicted, Kuzara faces a sentence of between 20 and 60 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The charges against Kuzara are not proof of guilt. Kuzara is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Dennis Kuzara: Age 73 (d.o.b. 2-18-1945), of Oxford Road, Carpentersville