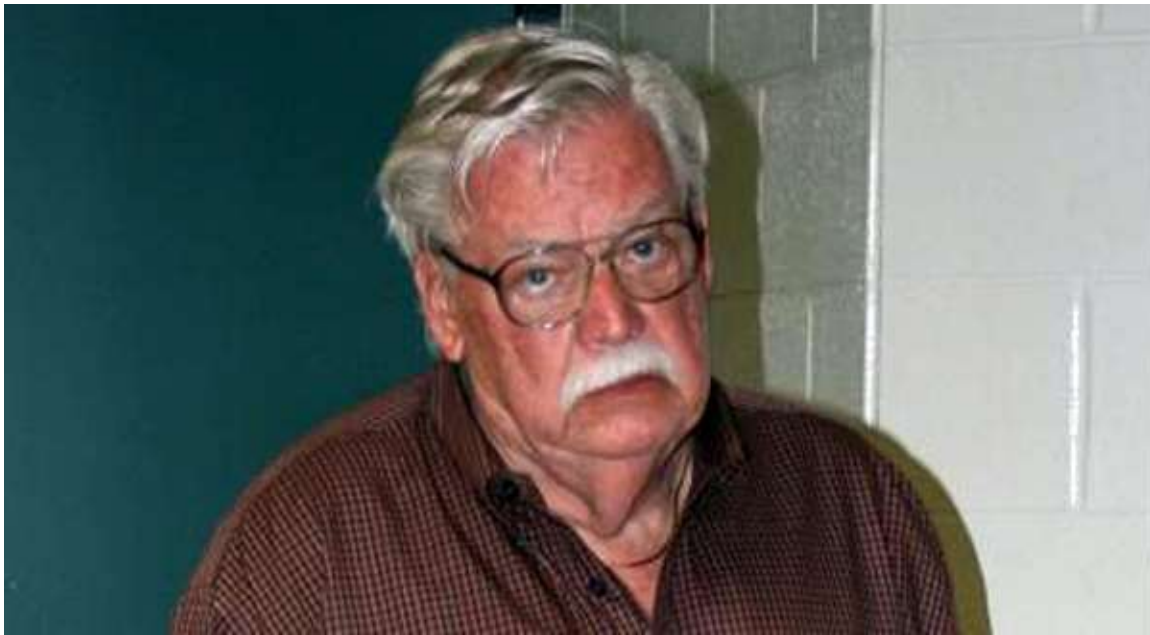


# Elderly Man Indicted in Missing Woman's Murder

## 75-year-old man accused of killing Coppel mother

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A [Denton County](#) grand jury indicted a 75-year-old man for murder Thursday in the case of a missing Coppel mother.

On April 16, [Kathleen Garza](#), 49, never returned from a trip to the Market Street Shopping Center on North Denton Tap Road in Coppel, her family said.

Police arrested [Leroy Tellgren](#), of [Carrollton](#), on capital murder charges one week later.

Garza, a former teacher, met Tellgren about five years ago when the two worked for the Coppel school district, her husband, Raul, said. He said Tellgren was like a father figure to his wife and they met often to chat over coffee. Garza had gone to meet Tellgren for coffee on the day that she disappeared, her husband said.

Although Tellgren told police he had left Garza at the grocery store at 10 a.m., he and Garza can both be seen on surveillance video getting into a pick-up truck and leaving the grocery store just before 9 a.m. on April 16, according to an arrest affidavit.

Garza's body has not been found, but investigators said blood evidence links Tellgren to the crime. Investigators also said Garza's watch and two rings were found in Tellgren's pocket and her purse was found in Tellgren's truck, which had large sections of the seat cut out.

Tellgren remains in jail with a \$1 million bond. A trial date has not been set.