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Dakota County, Nebraska – Today, Bryan Galvan-Hernandez, 18, entered pleas of no contest to one count of Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree and one count of Accessory to a Felony for his involvement in the November 1, 2016 murder of Kraig D. Kubik near Emerson, Nebraska.

Kubik, 41, was shot in the back of the head and his dismembered body was found in a culvert in rural Cedar County four days after he was reported missing. Galvan-Hernandez and Andres Surber were arrested shortly after Kubik's disappearance following the discovery of Kubik's severed right arm and leg in the trunk of a silver Chevy Impala registered to Surber. The vehicle was located on an abandoned farm in Dixon County that was owned by Surber's family.

In the investigation conducted jointly by the Nebraska State Patrol, Dakota County Sheriff's Office and Dixon County Sheriff's Office, law enforcement obtained surveillance video from Kubik's residence depicting both Galvan-Hernandez and Surber escorting Kubik from his residence and later dragging his apparently lifeless body across Kubik's front yard. Also, video surveillance obtained from a Wakefield, Nebraska convenience store depicted Galvan-Hernandez driving the Chevy Impala later found to contain Kubik's severed arm and leg.

In exchange for Galvan-Hernandez's plea, the State agreed to reduce his original charge of First Degree Murder and dismiss two additional ancillary offenses. Galvan-Hernandez is set to be sentenced on December 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Dakota County District Court and faces a maximum possible sentence of 70 years' imprisonment.

The Attorney General's Office Criminal Bureau prosecutors, Corey O'Brien and Sandy Allen, were joined by Dakota County Attorney Kim Watson in prosecuting the case. Investigator Bill Black of the Attorney General's Office assisted in the investigation.

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