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Where was Hannah Wilson?

THURSDAY NIGHT

1 Hannah Wilson attended a party at the Hilton Garden Inn, witnesses said.

EARLY FRIDAY MORNING

2 Wilson and friends walked from the Hilton Garden Inn to Kilroy's Sports Bar at about 1 a.m. Wilson's friends determined she was too intoxicated to enter the bar. They called a cab, paid the fare and gave the driver Wilson's address in the 500 block of East Eighth Street. Her friends told police the cab was white and green, the color of e2taxi vehicles.

FRIDAY

3 Friends reported to police that Wilson had been missing since early Friday morning. At 8:34 a.m., a woman called 911 to report that she had found a body in Brown County. Daniel Messel's cellphone was found near the body, identified as Hannah Wilson, 22. An autopsy determined she died after being struck in the head.

HTO Information from the Brown County probable-cause affidavit. Read the full document, along with Monday's news release from the Bloomington Police Department, at HeraldTimesOnline.com.



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Daniel Messel has regularly competed in Bloomington trivia competitions. Above, he appears in a broadcast of the 2014 VITAL Quiz Bowl competition.

Affidavit lays out evidence in IU student's death

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The evidence against murder suspect Daniel Messel is damning and gruesome: his cellphone found at the feet of a dead 22-year-old IU senior with a crushed skull, his presence in Bloomington Thursday night, claw marks on his forearms, blood splattered inside his silver 2012 Kia with "what appeared to be blood and a clump of long black hair on the console."

Friends report they last saw Hannah Wilson about 1 a.m. Friday in front of Kilroy's Sports Bar, when they put her into a green-and-white taxi and paid the fare after determining she was too intoxicated to continue with Little 500 weekend partying, according to a probable-cause affidavit filed in Brown Circuit

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Print shop co-workers shocked by suspect's arrest

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The seriousness of their tone gave them away. Because it doesn't take two detectives to investigate a misplaced cellphone.

The Indiana State Police officers arrived unannounced Friday afternoon at Fine Print, asking for Daniel Messel. They told Bloomington business owner Joe Wray they had found Messel's cellphone and needed to return it to him.

Hours earlier, Wray worried about his employee of eight years, who had failed to

show up for work and didn't call in sick.

Now he knew there was trouble, and it was big. But he didn't know how bad.

Wray sent a text message: "Dan, where are you? And what have you done?"

After Thursday night trivia at Yogi's Grill & Bar, Matt Brighton got a ride home from his co-worker of three years.

Messel at the wheel, the ride wasn't the usual direct route to Brighton's apartment on the city's west side. "Instead we went a roundabout way that took us right by the

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David Messel was arrested at his home, shown here, on Ison Road in Bloomington.

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Where was Daniel Messel?

THURSDAY EVENING

Daniel Messel ate dinner with his father at Cheddar's at 6 p.m., then returned to their home.

At 8 p.m., Messel left his home to play trivia at Yogi's Grill & Bar, which he usually does on Thursdays. Most weeks, his father said, Messel returns home between 11 p.m. and midnight, but on this night, he did not return.

At 11 p.m., Messel gave a co-worker a ride home after trivia, the co-worker confirmed.

FRIDAY

Daniel Messel failed to report to work at Fine Print, a print shop in Bloomington.

According to supervisors, this is unusual behavior for Messel, and co-workers were concerned.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Messel was booked into jail at 11:50 p.m. on a preliminary charge of murder.

Police had located him at his home on Ison Road with claw marks on his forearms. Police found blood and hair in his 2012 silver Kia Sportage.

Scholastic stars shining brightly

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Business owners, award-winners, volunteers and star athletes — 81 of them, and all high school seniors — shone Monday night at the Herald-Times' Scholastic Stars dinner in Bloomington.

Students received recognition for their achievements academically, athletically, socially and for their volunteer work.

"You need to be proud of the things you've done," said the event's guest speaker, Indiana University junior Rachel Martinez.

Martinez, a leader and mem-

ber of multiple student groups at college including the Indiana University Student Foundation and Youth Advocating Leadership and Learning group, said college might differ from expectations or be scary, but she offered up advice to the seniors to get involved in student groups.

"The one thing that I would tell anybody is to get involved," 21-year-old Martinez said. "Learn your support system, and learn what college is really about."

Students, their loved ones, and school administrators gathered at the Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center for

the event Monday night.

Herald-Times Editor Bob Zaltsberg announced each student by name and listed some of their achievements: scholarships, awards, college plans. Nearly all 81 winners proudly stepped to the front to receive an award of recognition and handshake from Hoosier Times Inc. Publisher Mayer Maloney.

Students in the program were recommended by counselors and administrators from local schools.

They then submitted applications to the newspaper, and a

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Harley Rogers, a Gold Star from Brown County High School, shows her scholarship certificate at the 2015 Scholastic Stars awards banquet in the Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center Monday.

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