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# Fifteen years later

## John Skelton charged with murder of three sons

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John Skelton of Morenci — whose three sons vanished around Thanksgiving 2010 — has been charged with three counts of open murder just weeks be-

fore his scheduled release from prison, where he's served nearly 15 years for unlawful imprisonment in connection with his children's disappearances. Instead of being released from prison Nov. 29, Skelton will be transported to the Lenawee County Jail and booked on charges of open murder, which leaves a

jury to decide whether Skelton is guilty of first or second-degree murder if convicted, and three counts of tampering with evidence. Skelton will be arraigned in Lenawee County District Court.

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# Jonesville home engulfed in flames



A family dog was killed in a house fire in Jonesville on Nov. 12. COREY MURRAY/HILLSDALE DAILY NEWS

## Family dog killed in fire

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JONESVILLE — A family dog was killed in a house fire in Jonesville on Nov. 12, but no people were injured, authorities said.

A caller within the home reported smelling smoke just after 6 p.m. but didn't see flames. They evacuated with one of their two dogs, but was unable to locate the second. Jonesville Police arrived minutes later at the house on the corner of Jermaine Street and US-12, but the home was already fully engulfed. The Jonesville Fire Department responded with mutual aid from Litchfield and Hillsdale. Power lines burned

through and fell to the ground, sparking and creating hazards for firefighters. Consumers Energy was called for assistance. The Hillsdale Township Fire Department also assisted in extinguishing the fire. The Michigan State Police Fire Marshal Division was called to help deter-

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# What are Sessions' plans for one-year mayorship?

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Hillsdale Daily News  
USA TODAY NETWORK

HILLSDALE — Scott Sessions is returning to Hillsdale City Hall with a mission: to repair a fractured culture, tackle long-standing infrastructure issues, and confront homelessness — all in a one-year term. Sessions, who previously served on Hillsdale City Council from 2013 to 2017, said he decided to run for mayor once more because of the “negative culture” of current councilmembers. “I didn’t like what was going on,” Sessions told The Daily News. Sessions will be sworn into office Nov. 17, after which he’ll lead his first council meeting since 2017. He’s leaning on that previous experience as mayor in shaping his vision for the fu-

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