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An upstate New York woman has been charged with murder for poisoning her boss, officials said Tuesday.

Kaitlyn Conely, 23, is accused of killing Mary Yoder, 60, who died on July 22, 2015.

Yoder and her husband owned and operated Chiropractic Family Care in Whitesboro, N.Y. for 28 years. Conely worked at the front desk for four years, and was employed at the time Yoder's death, according to Oneida County Sheriff Robert Maciol.

Yoder's obituary mentions a "Katie Conely" among the "loved ones."

In October 2015, a "concerned family member" of Yoder's called Oneida County Sheriff's Office Investigator Mark Van Namee, according to Maciol. "The family member felt that Mary's death was suspicious and wanted an investigation into her death," he said in a press release.

A follow-up investigation by the Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office concluded the cause of death to be colchicine toxicity. In December 2015, the Oneida County Sheriff's Office ruled Yoder's death a homicide.

Colchicine is an anti-inflammatory used to treat gout.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, intake of the "highly toxic" drug can result in nausea, and vomiting, before multiple system organ failure over the span 24 to 72 hours.



Kaitlyn Conley, 23, of Sauquoit, N.Y., was charged with murder on Tuesday for poisoning her boss. (ONEIDA COUNTY SHERIFF FACEBOOK)

A document obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request from the Oneida County District Attorney's alleges Conely to have "never heard" of the drug, according to the Observer-Dispatch.

Conely awaits a Wednesday bail hearing from Oneida County Jail, according to Maciol. Additional charges include second-degree forgery, and two counts of falsifying business records and petit larceny.



Colchine, most often used to treat gout, is highly toxic.

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