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For Immediate Release Sunday, January 1, 2006

Investigative Update

Perry and Barnard Street Shooting Death and Attempted Robbery Investigation

Jennifer Ross, the 19-year-old victim of an aggravated assault and attempted armed robbery has died. The victim was pronounced dead this evening at Memorial Health University Medical Center, where she remained since the Dec. 24, attack.

SCMPD robbery and violent crimes detectives are still interested in talking with anyone who may have information about this latest homicide.

The incident occurred shortly after 3 a.m. Christmas eve at the intersection of Barnard and Perry Street on Savannah's Westside. Jennifer Ross, 19, and Brett Findley 19, were walking along Barnard Street when they were accosted by three black males who attempted to rob them.

One of the men struck Findley in the head with a handgun as another struggled with Jennifer for her purse. Jennifer was shot during the struggle.

The three men are believed to have gotten into a Pewter Gray Ford Taurus, which sped away from the scene after the attack, according to witnesses. One of the victims and witnesses described them as three black males wearing dark clothing with hoods over their heads. Their physical descriptions varied in heights ranging from 5ft. 9in.-6ft tall.

Anyone with information about this crime should contact the SCMPD Violent Crimes Unit at 651.6728; or call CrimeStoppers, 234.2020. A reward of up to \$2500.00 is offered for information that leads to an arrest in this case.

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For Immediate Release Tuesday, January 03, 2006

'Uncle Harry's' Shooting Death Investigation

SCMPD detectives are investigating the death of a man whose body was found inside a business on Chatham County's Westside. An employee of Uncle Harry's Lounge made the discovery shortly before 10 a.m. today and called police.

Investigators responded to the lounge located at 12 N. Lathrop Street where they found the body of a middle-aged white male who had suffered at least one gunshot wound. The victim has been identified as an employee of the business but detectives are not releasing his name until the family is notified.

The body has been sent to the GBI Crime Lab to determine the cause of death. Investigators have indicated that the shooting stemmed from what appears to be a robbery.

Anyone with information about this crime should call the SCMPD Violent Crimes Unit at 651.6728 or Crimestoppers, 234.2020. A reward of up to \$2500.00 is available to anyone with credible information that leads to an arrest in this case.

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For Immediate Release Sunday, January 22, 2006

Habersham Place Shooting Death Investigation

SCMPD violent crimes detectives are looking to identify the person(s) who shot a man to death at his Habersham Place Apartment Sunday morning. Michael Algreen, 41 of Savannah died at Memorial Health University Medical Center shortly after the shooting occurred.

Police responded to the scene at #19 1900 Habersham Street, shortly after 7 a.m. on a report of gunshots. When they arrived, the officers found the victim suffering from at least one gunshot wound in side the home.

Paramedics rushed him to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead shortly after arrival.

A witness who lived with the victim reported that the shooting stemmed from a robbery. However, detectives have obtained information, which indicates that the attacker(s) knew the victim, and that this was not a random act.

Two men forced their way in to the apartment and demanded money from the victim, according to the witness. When the victim failed to produce the money one of the men shot him and ran out of the apartment with his accomplice.

The suspects are described as two black males with their faces covered and was last scene wearing dark clothing. Police are in the process of obtaining more details about the suspect(s).

While detectives believe the shooting was drug related they are also exploring details about the shooting, provided by other witnesses. The focus of the investigation however is identifying the person(s) responsible for the shooting.

In their efforts to find the suspect(s), detectives are asking for anyone with information to come forward. A CrimeStoppers reward of \$2500.00 is available to anyone who provides information that leads to an arrest(s) in this case. The numbers to call are 234.2020 or 651.6728.

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For Immediate Release Monday, January 23, 2006

Ogeechee Road Fire Death Investigation

West Chatham County, GA. ---Southside fire officials along with SCMPD investigators recovered the body of an unidentified male at an abandoned business on Ogeechee Road. The exact cause of the fire and the death of the victim are under investigation.

Shortly before 9:30 p.m. on January 22, 2006, SCMPD received a call indicating that someone may have been trying to set fire to old tires at an abandoned business. Responding officers found the building at 5601 Ogeechee Road engulfed in flames.

Southside fire crews arrived within minutes of the initial report and worked to control the blaze. Patrol officers, acting on information provided by eyewitnesses, detained a transient, Tito Flores Vega, 48, in connection with this fire.

A subsequent search of the structure by fire crews resulted in the body being found in a back room of the building. Arson investigators and detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit actively pursued available leads and have now charged Vega with one count of Arson. Additional charges are pending the results of an autopsy.

The victim will be transported to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Crime Lab in order to determine his exact identity and cause of death.

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For Immediate Release Wednesday, January 25, 2006

Suspicious Deaths Investigation

SCMPD detectives are investigating the deaths of two women whose bodies were found in a two-story double family dwelling on Savannah's Westside. Employees of a local realty company that manages the property at 302 W. 31st Street are the ones that made the discovery.

Police received a call from the realty company shortly after 12:30 Wednesday afternoon to report what their employees had found. The employees of the company had detected a foul odor emanating from the residence before entering an open back door when they made the discovery.

Investigators responded to the scene where they are questioning potential witnesses. They have not determined the cause of death nor the time. The bodies are scheduled for an autopsy at the GBI Crime Lab to determine the manner in which the victims died and the time of their deaths.

Detectives have made a tentative identification of the people but are withholding the names until the next of kin is notified.

In the meantime, police are calling the deaths suspicious and are asking for anyone with information to come forward. The number to call is 651.6728

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For Immediate Release Thursday, January 26, 2006

Detectives Charge Man in Arson Death

Working with information gathered during an autopsy performed by the GBI, detectives have now charged Tito Flores Vega, 48, with one count of murder in the arson death of an unidentified man on Savannah's west Side. Vega had been in jail on the charge of Arson.

The victim of the blaze remains unidentified but, is described as being a Hispanic male, in his 40's, approximately 5`2 in height and weighing approximately 135 pounds. The investigation into the victim's identity is ongoing.

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Southside fire crews arrived within minutes of the initial report and worked to control the blaze. An eyewitness to this arson detained Tito Flores Vega until police arrived on the scene.

A subsequent search of the structure by fire crews resulted in the body being found in a back room of the building. Arson investigators and detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit are actively pursuing all available leads. Vega was initially charged with one count of Arson.

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Investigative Update

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Progress Being Made in Identification of Arson Victim

Officers from the Latin Officers Outreach Program (LOOP) scoured the Quacco Road area, known informally among some Latin residents as "Little Mexico," in an attempt to identify a Hispanic man killed in the January 22, 2006 arson fire at 5601 Ogeechee Road. As a result of LOOP's intervention, the identification of the victim has been tentatively established.

Investigators are coordinating with Mexican authorities in San Luis Potosi in order to confirm the identification and notify the next of kin. The victim's name cannot be disclosed until that time.

LOOP Officers work to bridge cultural and language barriers that tend to inhibit cooperation from Savannah's Latin community.

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For Immediate Release: Monday, February 27, 2006

Montgomery and 35th Street Shooting Leaves One Dead

Shortly before 7:00 PM this evening, SCMPD Officers were called to the intersection of Montgomery and 35th on the report of gunshots. Responding officers located one individual that was ultimately determined to have been shot. This individual was transported to Memorial Health University Medical Center where he later died.

Initially it was believed that a second person might also have been struck. After a brief interview, officers determined that he had not been. He received minor abrasions associated with avoiding the gunfire. This individual refused Emergency Medical Services by walking away from the scene.

The identity of the man killed in this incident is being withheld pending the notification of the next of kin. No suspect description is available at this time.

More information will be released as it becomes available.

If anyone has information concerning this fatal incident, they are strongly encouraged to contact detectives at 651-6728 or CrimeStoppers, anonymously, at 234-2020. A reward of up-to \$2500 is available from CrimeStoppers for critical information leading to an arrest in this case.

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For Immediate Release Saturday, March 11, 2006

Yamacraw Village Child Death Investigation

The death of a 4-year-old boy, found unresponsive in his home Friday night is under investigation. The child was taken to Memorial Health University where medical staff pronounced the child dead after attempts to resuscitate him failed.

SCMPD detectives responded to the hospital and began their investigation. Meanwhile, patrol officers and forensics personnel went to the home of the child at 1061 Yamacraw Village.

Three of the child's siblings were found with nearby residents. They were all placed in protective custody until detectives learn more details about the child's death.

The father told police he went to check on the child in a bedroom of their Yamacraw Village apartment around 7:30 p.m., after the boy did not respond when called. The mother of the child was not home at the time.

Upon discovering that the child was not breathing, the father called for an ambulance and began CPR on the child, according to investigators. Paramedics responded and rushed the child to the hospital.

Both parents and witnesses have been questioned.

While the cause of death is not apparent, the circumstances surrounding the death are suspicious, according to investigators. An autopsy has been scheduled to determine how and when the child died.

Additional details about the death of the child will be released as they become available.

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For Immediate Release Wednesday, March 29, 2006

SCMPD makes arrest in 44th & Bulloch Shooting Death

Detectives have charged a man in the shooting death of Tyrell Butts. Juan Russell Williams, 18, of west Savannah, was arrested by detectives and charged with one count of murder this morning.

Williams was arrested around 3 a.m. Wednesday at his west Savannah home, after being implicated by witnesses in the shooting death of Butts. Investigators have learned that the shooting stemmed from an ongoing feud between the teens.

Shortly before 8 p.m. Tuesday, SCMPD patrol officers responded to 44th and Bulloch Streets on a report of gunfire. When the officers arrived, they found a young black male lying on the ground with a gunshot wound.

Paramedics arrived on the scene and rushed him to Memorial Health University Medical Center where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Witnesses reported that Butts and another teen had just walked through Cann Park when Williams and two other males approached them at 44th and Bulloch streets. Williams and Butts exchanged words, which led to the shooting.

Both of the teens pulled weapons and began an exchange of gunfire. The nature of the feud between the teens is being investigated.

During the hail of gunfire, one of the rounds grazed Williams, but did not require medical attention. The victim was fatally shot as he ran from the scene. No one else was injured.

Williams is in the Chatham County jail and may be facing more charges. Detectives also seized stolen property from his home that is linked to several burglaries.

The property was seized from the home with a search warrant when detectives were looking for the weapon used in the shooting. He will be arraigned today at 1 p.m. in Chatham County Recorder's Court.

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For Immediate Release Friday, April 28, 2006

Death investigation

SCMPD detectives are investigating the death of a white male whose body was found in a downtown hotel shortly before noon Friday. An official identification of the body has not been confirmed, although property belonging to missing soldier Robert Hornbeck was found nearby.

An employee for the hotel at the corner of Liberty and Bull Streets made the discovery shortly before noon while performing maintenance.

Police responded to the scene and began their investigation. When they arrived, the officers were led to an upper-level maintenance floor of the hotel.

The body was located in an air-conditioning exchange handler. Detectives are investigating to determine a time-line of the death. Although the location in which the body was found is unusual, investigators have not found any signs of foul play.

Witnesses had reported a foul odor in the lobby of the hotel for the past two days. While attempting to locate the origin of the odor is when the employee saw the body and called police.

The body was sent to the GBI crime lab to be processed for identification and an autopsy; meanwhile, detectives are continuing with their investigation.

More details about the man's identity and cause of death will be released as they become available.

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Police responded to the scene and began their investigation. They have not determined the identity of the deceased or the cause of his death.

The body will be sent to the GBI crime lab to be processed for identification and an autopsy; meanwhile, detectives are questioning employees. Witnesses reported the detection of a foul odor in the lobby of the hotel for the past two days. While attempting to locate the origin of the odor is when an employee found the body and called police.

Speculation as to the identity of the body being that of a reported missing soldier, Robert Hornbeck, has not been confirmed. Additional details regarding the identity of the man found and the cause of his death will be released as they become available.

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For Immediate Release Saturday, May 06, 2006

38th & Burroughs shooting death investigation

SCMPD detectives are investigating the shooting death of a man on Savannah's Westside. The victim has been identified as a 20-year-old black male, of Savannah. His name will be released, pending notification of his family.

The victim died at Memorial Health University medical center hours after the incident. He was shot during an altercation with another man in the 600 block of west 38th near Burroughs Street around 6:30 Saturday.

Detectives are working to identify the shooter and nature of the dispute. They have learned that the victim and a male acquaintance were in the neighborhood when a black male suspect approached them. The three men exchanged words, which erupted in gunfire.

The suspect reportedly fired several shots at the victim and his friend. The victim was struck at least once while his friend escaped unharmed.

They both fled from the scene of the shooting in a Green Jeep, belonging to the victim, and flagged down police at 42nd and Florence streets. The officers were responding to the scene on a report of gunfire when they intercepted the jeep.

Paramedics responded to the 42nd Street location and rushed the victim to the hospital. Detectives questioned the victim's friend who provided few details about the shooting.

More witnesses are being questioned as the investigation continues. Anyone with information about the shooting should call the SCMPD violent crimes unit at 651.6728; or call CrimeStoppers.

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For Immediate Release Sunday, May 07, 2006

38th & Burroughs investigative update

SCMPD detectives are searching for two suspects in connection to the shooting death of a man on Savannah's Westside around 6:30 Saturday. The suspects are described only as two black males, last seen wearing black pants, and white tee shirts in the 600 block of W. 38th Street, where the shooting occurred.

The victim, previously reported as a 20-year-old black male, of Savannah was incorrect. He was 19-years old.

Detectives have learned that the shooting stemmed from a drug related dispute between the victim and his friend, and the two suspects. The dispute escalated to an exchange of gunfire between one of the suspects and the victim.

The victim was struck during the volley and later died at Memorial Health University Medical Center. His friend escaped unharmed and no other injuries related to the shooting have been reported to police.

SCMPD officers were responding to the report of gunfire, when they intercepted the victim and his friend at 42nd and Florence streets. The two were speeding away from the scene at W. 38th Street in the victim's Green Jeep when the officers stopped them. Paramedics responded to their location and rushed the victim to the hospital.

Detectives questioned the friend who provided few details about the shooting. Anyone with information about the suspects involved in this case should call the SCMPD violent crimes unit at 651.6728; or call CrimeStoppers.

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For Immediate Release Tuesday, May 23, 2006

37th and Whitaker streets shooting

SCMPD detectives are searching for two suspects in connection to a shooting on Savannah's Westside. The men are described as two black males who were last seen running west on 37th Street. Witnesses described the two men as clean-cut.

The victim is a black male, said to be in his twenties. At the time of this release, he was listed in critical condition at Memorial Health University Medical Center. A tentative identification has been made, but the name will not be released until confirmed.

Police responded to the corner of 37th & Whitaker streets shortly after 11:00 p.m. Monday on a report of gunfire. When the officers arrived, they found the victim lying on ground with at least one gunshot wound.

Detectives have learned that the victim was pushing his stalled car into the parking lot of a store on the corner 37th & Whitaker when the two suspects approached him. The men began arguing before one of the suspects drew a gun and shot the victim.

The nature of the argument and the men's relationship to one another is under investigation. If anyone has information about this crime, they are urged to contact the SCMPD violent crimes unit at 651.6728; or call CrimeStoppers.

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For Immediate Release **Tuesday, June 27, 2006**

McKenzie Street shooting death investigation

SCMPD is investigating the shooting death of a 23-year-old black male on Savannah's westside.

Officers responded to the 400 block of McKenzie Place shortly before midnight Tuesday on a report of shots fired. When police arrived, they found the victim lying in the road with at least one gunshot wound.

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Detectives canvassed the neighborhood in search of witnesses and suspects. No arrests have been made.

An autopsy is scheduled for Wednesday at the GBI Crime Lab.

Police have identified the victim. His name will be released when the family has been notified.

Anyone with information about this crime should call detectives at 651-6728; or call CrimeStoppers.

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For Immediate Release Wednesday, July 05, 2006

Waters Avenue shooting death investigation

SCMPD is investigating the shooting death of a man outside a club on Savannah's eastside. Police need your help in identifying the suspect.

Torrence Leonard Roston, 33, of Savannah was shot as he left the nightclub at 1815 Waters Avenue shortly before 4:00 a.m. Wednesday. He died at Memorial Health University Medical Center several hours later.

Police responded to the scene after receiving a report of gunfire. When they arrived, the officers found the victim lying on the ground with multiple gunshot wounds.

Detectives responded to the scene and began canvassing the area for witnesses. Witnesses reported that an unidentified black male walked up to the victim outside the club and opened fire.

No one else was injured.

Efforts by police to locate more witnesses are ongoing. So far, few details have surfaced about the description of the suspect or a motive.

Detectives have sent the body to the GBI Crime Lab for an autopsy. More details will be released when they are available.

Anyone with information about the shooting should call the SCMPD violent crimes unit at 651.6728; or call CrimeStoppers.

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For Immediate Release Tuesday, July 18, 2006

East Duffy Street shooting death investigation

SCMPD violent crime detectives are investigating the shooting death of a man in the 600 block of E. Duffy Street. The victim was apparently robbed of his car and shot in the process. Investigators have identified him but the name is being held until the family is notified.

Police responded to area of 650 East Duffy Street shortly after 8:00 p.m. on a report of a shooting. When the officers arrived, they found the victim lying on the ground suffering from a gunshot wound.

Paramedics arrived moments later and rushed him to Memorial Health University Medical Center. Doctors pronounced him dead about an hour later.

Witnesses described the gunman as a black male who was wearing blue shorts. He was last seen driving away in the victims Mercury Marquis, headed east on Duffy Street. However, as he neared the intersection at Atlantic Avenue, he turned into a yard and struck the rear bumper of an unattended car.

He got out of the Mercury and was seen running back west on Duffy Street.

Police are investigating to determine if another car that was taken from a victim near East Broad and Duffy Street, within two minutes of the first call, is related.

In that incident, the suspect took a victim's car at gunpoint. The victim was not injured.

The suspect then fled in the second victim's blue and white Ford LTD. Police recovered it abandoned several blocks away at Paulsen and East Park Avenue.

Detectives canvassed the neighborhood in search of the suspect and anyone who could provide more details about the shooting. They were still questioning witnesses at the time of this release to get a better description of the suspect.

Anyone with information is urged to call SCMPD at 651.6728; or call CrimeStoppers.

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For Immediate Release **Friday, July 21, 2006**

South Avalon Drive shooting death investigation

Police are searching for two gunman described as black males in their late teens to early twenties. The suspects are wanted for the shooting death of a teen on Savannah's eastside. Jaqwan Dixon, 17, died at the hospital after being shot by the suspects during an armed robbery.

One of the suspects had on a dark hat, a white t-shirt, and dark pants. The second gunman was wearing a blue "Dickies brand outfit."

The incident happened around 3:30 a.m. Friday in a picnic area at the 200 block of South Avalon Drive. That's where Dixon, Chris Anderson, 21, and another man were sitting when the two suspects approached them and demanded money.

The suspects beat Anderson with a gun before walking towards a Maroon Hyundai Sonata that was waiting nearby. A description of the driver of that car was not available.

Before getting into the car, the two suspects fired several rounds at the victims. One of those rounds struck Dixon in the upper torso.

SCMPD officers arrived on the scene after the report of gunfire. When police arrived, they found the victim with a gunshot wound and Anderson with wounds from the beating.

Dixon was taken to Memorial Health University Medical Center. He died within hours of his arrival. Anderson had to be treated for wounds he suffered in the attack. The third victim was not injured.

Police recovered spent shell casings at the scene; and are in the process of gathering additional information about the suspects. More details will be released as they become available.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to call police at 651.6728; or call CrimeStoppers.

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SCMPD arrest East Duffy murder suspect



SCMPD violent crime detectives have arrested the man wanted for the July 18 murder of Ricky Maxwell, 46, of Savannah.

Police today, charged Christopher Xavier Stokes, 21, with one count of murder, and one count of making a false report of a crime. Detectives arrested him shortly before 4:00 p.m. at police headquarters, and more charges are pending.

Maxwell was shot outside his home in the 600 block of E. Duffy Street. The suspect then drove off in the victim's car and abandoned it a short distance away.

Within minutes of the shooting, police received another report of a robbery nearby.

The alleged victim of that robbery, Stokes, told police that a black male had taken his car at gunpoint. He went on to give police a detailed description of the suspect. That car, a Ford LTD, was recovered a short distance away, also abandoned.

Information generated from within the community later implicated Stokes as the suspect. After interviewing Stokes further, detectives charged him with Maxwell's murder.

He will be arraigned at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, in Recorder's Court.

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For Immediate Release Friday, August 18, 2006

Suspicious Death Investigation

SCMPD violent crime detectives are investigating the death of a man whose body was found in a home on Savannah's Eastside. Officers responded to a home located in the 1300 Block of East 55th Street shortly after 3:00 p.m. after a family member found the body.

The manner in which the victim died is not being released at this time. However the death appears to be the result of foul play.

More details surrounding the death will be released upon the completion of an autopsy. The body is being sent to the GBI Crime lab where an official cause of death will be determined.

The identity of the victim will be released pending further investigation.

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For Immediate Release Saturday, August 12, 2006

Hatchet Murder Investigative Update

A severely wounded victim is charged with murder and aggravated assault. The charges stem from last night's hatchet death of Walter Cooper Jr., 29 of Knoxville, Tennessee and aggravated assault on Melissa Lynn Williams.

Both victims suffered hatchet wounds last night in the 5600 block of Ogeechee Road. Williams ran, but suffered wounds that did not appear to be life threatening.

When police responded to the scene, they found Cooper dead from hatchet wounds.

Detectives later implicated Stephen Avilo, as a suspect in the murder.

They arrested Avilo today at a local hospital and charged him with the crimes. A Recorder's Court judge will arraign him on Monday, August 14, while under police guard.

Avilo is listed in serious but stable condition.

An autopsy was performed today on Cooper at the GBI Crime Lab. The cause of death was multiple stab wounds.

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For Immediate Release Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Dispute between friends turn deadly



A dispute between a man and woman turned deadly when words escalated to violence on Savannah's westside.

SCMPD responded to West 36th Street and Ogeechee Road shortly before midnight Tuesday on a report of a stabbing. When police arrived, they found Alvin Flowers, 42, of Savannah, suffering from a stab wound to the back.

Witnesses told police that the victim came running out of a rooming house at 1015 West 36th Street, about a block from where they found him. The suspect, Natasha Glaspy, 34, lived in the westside rooming house and the victim was a frequent visitor.

However, in this last visit, the two got into an argument in front of witnesses. The argument turned violent when Glaspy pulled a knife and stabbed Flowers.

The victim ran from the house and collapsed where police and paramedics responded. He was rushed to Memorial Health University Medical Center where he died shortly after arrival.

After the stabbing, Glaspy left the scene and went to a home in the 900 block of West 38th Street where police found her. When officers arrived at the home, Glaspy told them she was the person they were looking for.

She was taken to police headquarters and questioned about the incident. Detectives later arrested and charged her with murder. She will be arraigned at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Recorder's Court.

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For Immediate Release **Saturday, September 23, 2006**

Savannah domestic homicide leads to police shooting in Hardeeville

A man who shot his wife on Savannah's southside, died after a shootout with police in Hardeeville, SC early Saturday morning.

Hardeeville police fatally wounded Julian Glenn, 26, of Savannah, after he shot his wife Mioshi Glenn, 26, at their home on Abercorn Street. After shooting his wife around 5 a.m., Glenn called and told one of his colleagues about the shooting. His colleague called police.

SCMPD officers responded to the home at 10725 Abercorn Street, apt. #194. When they arrived, the officers found Glenn's wife dead from what appeared to be a gunshot wound.

Meanwhile, Glenn was headed north on Interstate -95 and tried to drive his Honda Accord off a bridge in Effingham County at the GA/SC line, but crashed into a guardrail instead. SCMPD received the report of the crash and later made the connection from the car tag.

When the attempt to drive off the bridge failed, Glenn got out of the car and walked south in the northbound traffic lanes. With only a minor injury from the crash, he jumped onto the grill of an 18-wheeler that had stopped. He then ran over to a Nissan sentry, which had also stopped, and took the car from its driver at gunpoint. The victim was not injured.

Hardeeville police found the Nissan 6 miles into SC down an embankment off the highway shortly after receiving the lookout. Glenn was still in the car.

When the officer approached the car, Glenn brandished a weapon and gunfire erupted. Glenn had to be rushed to a Beaufort County hospital with injuries suffered from the gunfire. He was later pronounced dead. The officer was not injured.

SCMPD violent crime detectives are investigating to determine what triggered the deadly chain of events. Effingham County Sheriff's Office is handling the carjacking, while GSP investigates the car crash at the bridge. Hardeeville police and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division are investigating the police shooting.



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For Immediate Release Monday, September 25, 2006

Murder suspect arrested in one of three mid-day shootings

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department is investigating three separate shootings that occurred in a span of 2 hours on the city's east and west corridors. Six people suffered injuries including one man who died from wounds he suffered in one of the shootings. Police arrested the man involved with the fatal shooting and charged him with murder.

Kashif Roberto Collins, 19, of Savannah is in jail for the shooting death of John Amp Kurtz, 31, also of Savannah. Collins shot Kurtz around 1:30 p.m., after an altercation in the Corner Mall at Henry Street and MLK Boulevard. Police responded to the store on a report of gunfire. When they arrived, the officers found Kurtz on the outside of the business suffering from at least one gunshot wound. He later died at Memorial Health University Medical Center. Collins suffered a non life-threatening wound in the shooting but managed to get a ride to Candler Hospital before police arrived. Detectives interviewed Collins at police headquarters upon his release from the hospital and charged him with the crime. He will be arraigned at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Recorder's Court.

Less than 2 hours later, around 3:20 p.m., a man was caught in the crossfire of bullets at the corner of Waters Avenue and Henry Street. Jessie Gordon, 64, of Savannah had to be rushed to the hospital with a grazing gunshot wound to the scalp. He was sitting in his car in the northbound lane of Waters Avenue waiting for the red light to cycle. That's when gunfire erupted from two vehicles in the southbound lane. Witnesses told detectives that a white van and gray Nissan pathfinder were stopped also for the red light when the occupants of the vehicles began exchanging gunfire. After the exchange, both vehicles sped off heading west on Henry Street. The Pathfinder turned onto Ott Street and proceeded north when it was struck by a Chevy pickup that traveled east on Duffy Street. The Chevy was occupied by Edward Cosenza, 48, and Matthew Hattfield, 49, both of Savannah. The two men had to be taken to the hospital with injuries suffered in the crash. The pathfinder overturned upon impact, however, both of the suspects fled from the scene before police arrived.

In the third shooting, which happened around 3:30 p.m., police had to respond to the 200 block of East Park Avenue. When they arrived, the officers found Tony Hill, 21, of Savannah, suffering from a gunshot wound to the upper thigh. Police learned that Hill was walking towards Abercorn Street with three men when one of them shot him and fled the scene. Detectives have identified one of the men and are waiting for more details from the victim. The men are all acquainted, according to detectives.

Police are asking the public's help in identifying the suspects involved in the shootings at Park Avenue near Abercorn and the one at Henry and Waters. Anyone with information about the suspects in the white van and Nissan Pathfinder, or the other two suspects walking with Hill when he was shot, is urged to call police at 232-4141; or call CrimeStoppers.

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For Immediate Release Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Suspects sought in Monday's mayhem

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department is investigating a string of shootings that occurred in the city's east and west corridors Monday. Police are asking the public's help to identify and locate the individuals involved in two of the incidents.

The shootings are not random acts of violence, and in at least four of the cases, the victims and suspects are either, rivals or associated in some way. Detectives have spent the better part of Monday evening into the morning after the shootings, investigating.

They have talked with numerous witnesses and examined forensic evidence from the shooting scenes. Police have implicated suspects in three of the cases.

They are looking for Jawaun Lee, 19, and Marquis O'Neal Young, 18 of Savannah. Both of them were in the Nissan Pathfinder at Henry and Waters Avenue. In addition to yesterday's shootings, they are wanted in connection with crimes, ranging from auto theft and probation violation to aggravated assault on a police officer. The Nissan was reported stolen. Both of these suspects should be considered armed and dangerous. Neither the white van nor the occupants have been located.

The shooting of Ramone Bowers in the 300 block of Duffy Street bears some indication of being drug related. An examination of Bowers' body after his death turned up seventy rocks of crack cocaine. Detectives have developed at least one person of interest in the case, but are withholding his name, pending the outcome of the investigation.

Sammy Lee Gadson Jr., 21, has been identified as the suspect who shot 21-year-old Tony Hill Monday in the 200 block of East Park Avenue. Detectives say that a turf dispute between Gadson and Hill resulted in the shooting.

Police arrested Kashif Collins Monday for murder after he shot John Amp Kurtz at the corner of Henry and MLK Boulevard. Both men suffered injuries in an exchange of gunfire after an altercation in a corner store.

Details surrounding the shooting at Pennsylvania and Gwinnett remain unclear, as detectives continue their investigation. Anyone with information is urged to call police at 232-4141; or call CrimeStoppers.

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For Immediate Release Tuesday, September 26, 2006

SCMPD Officer's weapon recovered

SCMPD has recovered the Glock-45 lost by Officer Stephen Murphy during a struggle with suspect Jawaun Lee on Sunday. The suspect turned the weapon over to a citizen who knows the teen.

The citizen did not know Lee's whereabouts but gave police the gun shortly after 6 p.m. Tuesday at Central Precinct. Lee remains at-large.

Anyone who knows his whereabouts is urged to contact police at 232-4141; or call CrimeStoppers.

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For Immediate Release Tuesday, September 26, 2006

SCMPD investigation reveals foul play in death of Savannah man

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department is asking the public's help to locate any witnesses to the September 24, shooting death of a man whose body was found in Wells Park on Savannah's westside. The park is located at the corner of 38th and Montgomery Streets.

Harold Boney, 51, of Savannah was found lying face down in the park shortly after 4 a.m. Sunday by a passerby, who called police. When the officers arrived on the scene, they found Boney unresponsive. Paramedics later arrived and declared him dead.

Violent crime detectives arrived on the scene later to begin their investigation. Aside from a small scrape on the victim's forehead, police saw no obvious signs of trauma that would indicate foul play.

The immediate family was notified upon confirming his identity. The family told police that Boney had a serious medical history and was not taking his medicine.

An autopsy performed today revealed that Boney had died from a gunshot wound. There was no blood at the scene and the wound was located in an area of the body that only an examination would reveal.

Detectives are now trying to locate three juveniles seen throwing bottles in the direction of the victim. One of them is reported to have had what appeared to be a toy gun, according to the witnesses.

The youths are black males between the ages of 12-15 years-old. They were last seen running in the direction of 39th and Burroughs streets.

Anyone with information about the juveniles or this incident is urged to call police at 651-6728; or call CrimeStoppers.

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For Immediate Release Saturday, September 30, 2006

Amal's Convenience store shooting

Police responded to the Amal's Convenience store at Skidaway and Bonna Bella Roads around 12:55 p.m. in response to a shooting. Upon arrival, they found 64 year-old Mohamed Alli Bina suffering from a gunshot wound.

Bina was transported to the Memorial Medical University Hospital where he later died.

A lone gunman walked into the store with his face concealed brandishing a gun. Words were exchange between the suspect and the clerk. A round was fired striking the victim. However, nothing was taken from the store.

The suspect was last seen getting into a metallic green Oldsmobile that sped away from the scene.

The suspect is described as a black male 5'3"-5'7", with a slim athletic build. He was wearing a dark colored shirt and light colored baggy pants.

Investigators have yet to determine the suspect's motive at this time.

Anyone with any information or witnessed this crime should notify police at 651-6728; or call CrimeStoppers.

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For Immediate Release **Sunday, October 1, 2006**

Domestic stabbing leaves one man dead



The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department is asking the public's help to find a suspect who stabbed a man in an apartment on Savannah's southside Saturday night. The victim of that stabbing died shortly after 8 a.m. Sunday at Memorial Health University Medical Center.

The victim is 29-year-old Guillermo Vasquez Marroquin. The suspect, 26-year-old Darinel Jesus-Flores Gomez is wanted for murder. Both men lived in an apartment together at 6 Talina Lane where police responded around 7:30 last night.

When the officers arrived, they found the victim lying on the ground outside one of the apartments. Paramedics were treating him for a stab wound in the upper torso

Police learned that the victim and suspect got into an argument when the suspect made disparaging remarks about the victim's wife. The wife and several other people shared the apartment with the two men.

A heated verbal exchange between the men escalated as Gomez pulled a knife and stabbed the victim. He then ran from the apartment and into a wooded area nearby. Police and K-9s searched the area but did not find the suspect.

Violent crime detectives believe Gomez may be on his way to the Atlanta area where his family lives. Witnesses describe him as a Hispanic male with a tattoo on his left arm. He is 5-feet-3 to 5-feet-6, 130-140 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing blue jeans and a white T-shirt.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Gomez is urged to contact police at 651-6728; or call CrimeStoppers.

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For Immediate Release **Thursday, October 5, 2006**

SCMPD recovers body floating in Savannah River

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department is investigating the death of a man whose body was recovered from the Savannah River shortly after 7 a.m. Thursday. A tugboat captain saw the floating corpse in the water just east of his tugboat, which was docked between MILK and Barnard streets along River Street.

Savannah Fire was amongst the first to respond, and used their equipment to hoist the body from the water. SCMPD's Marine Patrol and U.S. Coast Guard were also on the scene to assist.

Violent crime detectives later arrived and had the body sent to the GBI Crime Lab for an autopsy. The body was that of a badly decomposed white male. His identity and the details surrounding the death will be released when the autopsy is complete.

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For Immediate Release Tuesday, November 14, 2006

SCMPD makes arrest in Ogeechee Road murder



The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department has arrested the suspect who bludgeoned a man to death and left his body in a car on Chatham County's Westside Sunday morning.

Richard Blalock, 53, of Savannah, is in jail charged with one count of murder. He will be arraigned in Recorder's Court at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

The victim, identified as Danny Ray Redeemar, 50, of Saginaw, Michigan was found dead in the back-seat of his 1995 Cadillac at an excavation site off Ogeechee and Cottonvale roads. A passerby, who was collecting firewood in the area, made the discovery shortly after 8 a.m. and called police.

Violent crime detectives responded and began processing the scene and car for evidence. An autopsy later showed the victim's death was caused by blunt force trauma. Forensic evidence found in the car helped to identify Blalock as a possible suspect.

Police found him at his home not far from the crime scene around 8 p.m. Monday. After questioning Blalock, at police headquarters, detectives arrested and charged him with the crime. They later found the weapon used to bludgeon the victim to death, in Blalock's home.

The motive for the slaying is still unclear, although the two men were acquainted. Police also found that the victim was wanted on outstanding warrants for counterfeiting in his home state of Michigan.

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For Immediate Release **Thursday, November 16, 2006**

SCMPD investigates westside double homicide

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department is seeking information on the shooting death of two people at a westside apartment shortly before midnight Wednesday.

Police responded to the rooming house at 802 West 41st Street on the corner of Harden Street for a report of shots fired. When they arrived, the officers found a black male and a white female dead inside of the house. The two victims, who were both in their 50s, had suffered fatal gunshot wounds.

Detectives have determined that one or more suspects kicked in the door to the rooming house, went upstairs and opened fire. The suspect(s) forced open another door to the couple's room and fired more rounds.

Witnesses told police they heard a loud knock at the door followed by repeated gunfire. Detectives do not believe this was a random act and that the two victims were targets of the attack.

The witnesses, two other residents who shared a common area with the victims, were not injured. However, they provided few details about the suspects.

Police canvassed the area in search of leads and suspects. No arrests have been made.

The relationship between the victims is unknown, although they have been tentatively identified. Detectives are withholding their names until next of kin is notified.

Anyone with information about this crime is urged to call police at 651.6728; or call CrimeStoppers.

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For Immediate Release Friday, December 22, 2006

Death Investigation-Update

The Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department responded to a home in the 2100 block of Beech Street shortly before 7 p.m. Thursday on a report of a dead body. When the officers arrived, they were led to a room where the body a 45-year-old white male had been discovered. The brother of the victim found the body.

Detectives proceeded with their investigation, treating the discovery as a possible homicide. They have since learned that the victim died of wounds that were self inflicted. In addition to the wounds, they found further evidence of suicide.

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