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For Immediate Release Saturday, January 01, 2005

Waters Avenue Shooting Death Investigation

East Savannah, GA. ---Savannah-Chatham Police detectives are investigating an early morning shooting that has left a Savannah man dead. The victim, Jimmy Leonard Brown, age 27, was found in the 1000 block of East 35th Street suffering from a single gunshot wound shortly after 7:00 a.m. today.

Witnesses reported hearing the gunfire around 7:00 this morning after Brown had left a "neighborhood hangout" located between East 34th & 35th Streets on Waters Avenue.

Shortly after the report, patrol officers responding to the scene discovered the victim not far from the "hangout" and notified emergency medical personnel.

The victim was transported to Memorial Health University Medical Center where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

In the meantime, responding officers cordoned off the scene and canvassed the area talking to witnesses. Violent crimes detectives are actively following leads in the case to determine the circumstances that led to the fatal incident.

If anyone has information about this crime, they are urged to notify the SCMPD Violent Crimes Unit at 651-6728, or CrimeStoppers, 234-2020.

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For Immediate Release Thursday, January 20, 2005

37th & Bee Road Shooting Death Investigation

East Savannah, GA. ---Savannah-Chatham Police detectives are investigating a shooting that has left a Savannah man dead. The victim, Asim Davis, 24, of Savannah was shot at least once as he sat in his vehicle, stopped at the intersection of 37th Street and Bee Road shortly before 9:00 p.m. last night.

Officers responded to the scene within minutes following the report of gunfire in the area. When the officers arrived, they discovered the victim slumped over the steering wheel of his Ford sedan, which crashed into a parked vehicle moments after the shooting.

Emergency medical personnel responded to the scene where the victim died. Meanwhile, officers cordoned off the streets and canvassed the area for witnesses.

Witnesses reported hearing multiple shots being fired and a White mid-sized SUV speeding away from the scene, possibly a Lincoln Navigator or Aviator. Investigators have spoken with at least one witness who was in the victim's vehicle at the time of the shooting. So far, no arrests have been made and the investigation is ongoing.

Investigators have described the incident as a targeted attack, but have not conclusively established a motive for the shooting.

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For Immediate Release January 29, 2005

Detectives Investigating Murder/Suicide on Wilmington Island

SCMPD Violent Crimes detectives are investigating what appears to be an apparent murder/suicide on Wilmington Island.

At approximately 3:30 p.m., police received a call from an out-of-town family member requesting a welfare check be conducted at the residency of 1 Clarendon Road in Wilmington Island Park. The family member indicated she had received a call from the couple and feared they were suicidal. Officers responded, finding a deceased woman inside the residence, the victim of a gunshot wound.

At approximately 3:55 p.m., police received a call from another family member at 1722 Waltour Road, also on Wilmington Island, indicating that he had heard what he thought was a gunshot outside his residence and while investigating, found his father, the victim of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Detectives were immediately dispatched to the scene, along with a police chaplain.

The couple is identified as Dorothy Sinclair, age 69 and Charles Edgar Sinclair, age 69.

Detectives are interviewing family members to determine what led to today's fatal incident.

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Suspect Sought In Hamilton Court Shooting Death Investigation

East Savannah, GA. ---Savannah-Chatham Police detectives are looking for the man responsible for the February 7 mid-day shooting death of Mohammad Mims age 29, of Savannah. The shooting occurred in the 800 block of Hamilton Court following an altercation between the victim, and suspect now identified as Frank Vurgess, age 26 also of Savannah.

The victim and Vurgess were known rivals with a violent history. Vurgess is known to frequent the 37th and Waters Avenue area as well as the 800 block of East 31st Street. Murder warrants for his arrest are on file.



Officers responded to the 800 block of Hamilton Court on a report of shots being fired in the area. When the officers arrived, they found Mims suffering from a single gunshot wound. Emergency medical personnel responded to the scene and immediately transported the victim to Memorial Health University Medical Center, where he later died.

If anyone has information on the whereabouts of Frank Vurgess, they should notify the SCMPD Violent Crimes Unit at 651-6728, or CrimeStoppers, 234-2020.

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For Immediate Release Sunday, February 27, 2005

Rodeway Inn Shooting Death Investigation

West Savannah, Chatham County, GA. ---Savannah-Chatham police violent crimes detectives are investigating a shooting that killed one woman and sent another to the hospital shortly after 7:30 last night on Chatham County's Westside.

SCMPD patrol officers responded to the Rodeway Inn at GA. 204 & I-95 on a report of gunshots being fired in the area. When the officers arrived, they found two victims suffering from gunshot wounds. Emergency medical personnel also responded to the scene and immediately began treating the victims.

They both were rushed to Memorial Health University Medical Center where Lisa Sloan, age 37 of Savannah, was pronounced dead shortly after arrival. The second victim, Maggie Faye Griffin, age 74, of Sunbright TN., was treated, and later released.

Meanwhile, back at the scene, officers cordoned off the area as investigators gathered information from witnesses. Investigators learned that Lisa Sloan was temporarily residing at the Inn with her 13 and 14 year-old daughters. A black male began chasing and shooting at her around 7:30 p.m., as she stood out side of her room knocking on the door. Sloan was struck several times, as she ran from her attacker, before falling to the ground. The suspect then turned the weapon and fired upon witnesses before running away from the scene. He has been described as a black male, 5'5"-5'10" weighing approximately 170-200 pounds, last seen wearing an army fatigue jacket with a "bucket cap."

The second victim had only stopped at the hotel to stay overnight, after traveling all day on the highway. Unfortunately, gunfire erupted as she and five other members of her family were about to check into their rooms. Griffin was struck, but fortunately the wound was non-life threatening.

Anyone having information about this incident should contact the SCMPD Violent Crimes Unit at 651-6728, or CrimeStoppers, 234-2020.

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For Immediate Release Sunday, February 27, 2005

Suspect Arrested in Domestic Shooting Death Investigation

East Savannah, GA. --- Savannah-Chatham police are investigating a domestic related shooting that has claimed the life of a young woman on Savannah's east side. Her boyfriend has been charged in connection with her death.

SCMPD patrol officers responded to 2222 Jordan Drive shortly before 11:30 this morning on a report of a woman found in the residence shot to death. When the officers arrived, they found the victim in a back bedroom of the residence unresponsive and partially covered in blankets.



The victim lived at the residence with her boyfriend and his parents. The parents made the discovery this morning after their son notified them of the incident and asked if they could do something to help the victim. The parents notified police and emergency medical personnel. Upon their arrival, the victim was declared dead at the scene.

The suspect, Anthony Horton Jr., age 41 was still at the scene when police arrived, and was later arrested by investigators and charged with the murder. The weapon believed to be used in the shooting was also recovered at the scene. The victim is a 21-year old white female, whose identity is being withheld pending notification of her next of kin.

Meanwhile, detectives are still working to determine the circumstances that led up to the shooting. The exact time of the incident has not yet been determined, but investigators have indicated that it occurred sometime within the past twenty-four hours.

An autopsy of the victim has been scheduled for Monday, February 28th at 9:00 a.m., when investigators are expected to learn more about the circumstances that led up to the shooting, as well as an official time and cause of death. Additional details will be released as they become available.

Horton is in the Chatham County Detention Center, where he will remain to await his arraignment, which is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Monday, February 28th.

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For Immediate Release Sunday, April 17, 2005

Ogeechee Road Fire Death Investigation

West Chatham County, GA. ---Southside fire officials along with SCMPD investigators recovered the body of an adult male from a residence located at 5778 Ogeechee Road following an early morning fire. The cause of the fire and the death of the victim are under investigation.

A West Chatham Precinct patrol officer who observed flames coming from the mobile home shortly after eight o'clock this morning reported the fire. The officer made a valiant effort to alert the residents and gain entry in to the burning structure to no avail.

Southside fire crews arrived, within minutes of the report, where flames engulfed the home. The flames were quickly brought under control and extinguished. Fire officials along with SCMPD arson investigators recovered the victim's body in a hallway of the charred rubble during their search and recovery efforts.

The fire originated somewhere between the kitchen and living room area of the home and quickly spread throughout the structure according to Southside Assistant Fire Chief Hugh Futrell. SCMPD arson investigators are still working to determine what started the fire.

While investigators have not yet attributed a cause to the blaze, they have made a tentative identification of the victim. The victim reportedly lived at the residence with at least one other family member who was away when the fire was discovered.

Additional details on the official cause of death will be released following an autopsy, which is scheduled for Monday April 18, and the notification of his next of kin.

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For Immediate Release Thursday, May 19, 2005

Rogers Street Shooting Death Investigation

The shooting death of a man on Savannah's Westside has prompted an investigation by the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division.

Ervin Law, age 42 was shot to death inside a residence located in the 1300 block of Rogers Street shortly before one o'clock this morning.

SCMPD officers and emergency medical personnel arrived on the scene within minutes of the report where the victim was declared dead. The body was later taken to the GBI crime lab for an autopsy.

Witnesses described Law's attacker as a tall, thin, black male wearing a blue shirt, but was unknown by the acquaintance who opened the back door to let the victim in.

The suspect fled from the house and was last seen running north on Carolan Street. Responding officers scoured the immediate area with a canine in search of him but to no avail.

While detectives have developed some leads in the investigation, they have not determined a motive or circumstances that led up to the fatal incident. If anyone has information about this crime, they are urge to notify the SCMPD Violent Crimes Unit at 651.6728, or call CrimeStoppers, 234.2020.

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For Immediate Release May 24, 2005

Cloverdale Shooting Death Investigation

Savannah-Chatham Police detectives are investigating the shooting death of a man found lying at the rear of a residence in the Cloverdale neighborhood early Tuesday morning.

At approximately 3:15 a.m., police received a report of a shooting at 1434 Chevy Chase Road in Cloverdale, a community in west Savannah, just off Styles Avenue. Upon arrival, officers found a middle-aged adult black male, believed to be in his mid-thirties, suffering from at least one gunshot wound. Emergency medical personnel were summoned to the scene but they determined that the victim had already expired. Officers immediately called for investigators and forensics and cordoned off the area to secure the scene.

Detectives have tentatively identified the victim but are working to contact the family prior to releasing his name.

The victim's body will be taken to the GBI Crime Lab for an autopsy.

Detectives remain at the residence, as they continue to investigate the cause of this morning's fatal shooting.

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For Immediate Release May 24, 2005

Cloverdale Shooting Death Investigation – Update!

Savannah-Chatham Police detectives are continuing their investigation into this morning's fatal shooting which may be the result of a combination of issues involving a lingering domestic situation and an attempted forced entry into Cloverdale residence.

The shooting occurred this morning as Carey Heyward, age 35, attempted to forcibly gain entrance into the residence at 1434 Chevy Chase Road and was fatally wounded in the act. Detectives initially questioned Darryl Kent immediately after the incident. After speaking with detectives, Kent was released pending the result of the on-going investigation. As detectives progress with the investigation, it will be referred to the Chatham County District Attorney's Office for possible consideration by the Grand Jury. No charges have been filed in this case.

Detectives have indicated that the decedent had a previous relationship with a female occupant of the residence. No one inside the residence suffered physical injury.

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For Immediate Release Saturday, June 18, 2005

Suspicious Death Investigation

East Savannah, GA.---Police are investigating the death of a man whose body was found in a vacant lot next to 913 East Henry Street. A passerby made the discovery around noon today and notified police.

SCMPD detectives described the body as that of a young black male who appeared to be in his late teens to early twenties. Although they did not conclusively attribute a cause of death, there was sufficient evidence at the scene to suspect foul play.

The body was taken to the GBI Crime Lab where an autopsy will be performed. Additional details surrounding the cause of death as well as identification of the deceased will be released when made available.

In the meantime, if anyone has information about this case, they should notify the SCMPD Criminal Investigations Division at 651-6728 or CrimeStoppers, 234-2020.

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For Immediate Release November 30, 2005

Escalating Argument Proves Fatal

SCMPD Violent Crimes detectives are investigating what appears to be an argument between two men, believed to be friends, which escalated to violence.

Just after 3 p.m. this afternoon, police were called to the corner of Stevens and 44th Street on the report of shots fired. Officers arrived to find a young adult black male suffering from at least one gunshot wound. Emergency medical personnel immediately transported the victim to Memorial Health University's Trauma Unit where he died a short while later from his wound(s).

The shooting victim has been positively identified but detectives will contact his family before releasing his identity.

Detectives have also tentatively identified a possible suspect and are aggressively running down leads to conclusively determine his identity and his possible whereabouts. Without releasing any intrinsic details, detectives have reason to believe the suspect is no longer armed.

Witnesses to the incident have told police that the victim and his assailant were well known to each other and were seen arguing prior to the fatal shooting.

If anyone has information concerning this fatal incident, they are encouraged to contact SCMPD Violent Crimes 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 July 13, 2005

Two Die in Apartment House Shooting

SCMPD detectives are investigating the shooting deaths of two men on East 64th Street late Tuesday night.

SCMPD's E 911 Center received 911 calls from area neighbors on E 64th Street indicating they were hearing what were either gun shots or fireworks in or near an apartment house at the end of the cul-de-sac. Officers arrived at #12 E 64th Street to find two young adult black males, one inside the building and one outside the building, suffering from at least one gun shot wound each. Emergency medical personnel were called to the scene but determined that both victims were deceased.

Investigators are currently working to identify both victims.

The bodies will be taken to the GBI Crime Lab in Savannah for autopsies.

If anyone has information concerning tonight's fatal shootings, 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 and conviction in this case.

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For Immediate Release July 16, 2005

Detectives Investigating Strathmore Estates Fatal Shooting

SCMPD detectives are investigating the shooting in the eastside neighborhood of Strathmore Estates Friday night that resulted in the death of a Hispanic male.

Just before 11 p.m., SCMPD's E 911 Center received calls from area neighbors in Strathmore Estates on Savannah's eastside indicating that at least one Hispanic male was laying near a residence at 803 W. Crescent Drive apparently either seriously injured or wounded. Officers and emergency medical personnel arrived to find two Hispanic males lying on the ground, one holding the other's head attempting to comfort him. Emergency medical personnel determined one of the men had suffered at least one gunshot wound and immediately transported him to Memorial Health University's Trauma Unit for treatment. A number of witnesses indicated to detectives that the incident was the result of a botched robbery attempt.

The shooting victim died Saturday at Memorial as a result of his wound(s). He has been identified as Hosea Pedro Ramirez, age 32.

An autopsy will be performed at the GBI Crime Lab in Savannah.

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 July 19, 2005

Fatal Shooting in Cain Court, Hitch Village

SCMPD detectives are investigating a shooting death in Hitch Village Monday night.

At approximately 10:30 p.m. Monday night, SCMPD's E 911 Center received 911 calls from residents in the area of Cain Court in Hitch Village reporting shots fired and a victim lying outside. Officers responded to find a young adult black male suffering from at least one gunshot wound. Emergency medical personnel were also dispatched to the scene and immediately transported the victim to Memorial Health University's Trauma Unit where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

After speaking with witnesses at the scene, investigators have positively identified the victim and are working to identify a potential suspect(s). The victim is described as a young adult black male, said to be 24 years of age. Investigators will make positive contact with the victim's family before releasing his identity.

The victim will be taken to the GBI Crime Lab in Savannah for an autopsy.

If anyone has information concerning tonight's fatal shooting, 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 July 22, 2005

Sister's Court Death Investigation

Savannah-Chatham Police detectives are investigating the death of a man found in his apartment on East 37th Street.

At approximately 10:30 a.m. Friday morning, police were called to Sister's Court apartments on E 37th Street by a woman who was concerned about her male friend who she had not seen or been able to contact in the last couple of days. No one answered the door and officers failed in their attempts to open the door so Savannah Fire was brought in to forcibly open the door. Inside officers found a deceased adult black male that had suffered a number of distinct injuries.

Officers have tentatively identified the deceased but are attempting to contact the family before releasing his name. The victim's body will be taken to the GBI Crime Lab for an autopsy.

The deceased is described as an adult black male in his late 60's.

Detectives are investigating the death as a homicide in order to rule out any other possibility.

If anyone has any information concerning this fatal incident they are encouraged to contact SCMPD detectives at 651-6728 or CrimeStoppers at 234-2020. A reward of up-to \$2500 is available from CrimeStoppers if this incident is ruled criminal in nature and the information leads to an arrest.

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For Immediate Release Tuesday, August 02, 2005

Dispute Leads to Fatal Shooting

West Savannah, GA. --- Detectives of the SCMPD Violent Crimes Unit are investigating the shooting death of a woman that occurred on Savannah's Westside shortly after 11 last night.

Officers responded to the shooting incident at 2319 Whitaker Street within minutes of the report of gunfire at the residence. When the officers arrived, they found the victim, a 41-year-old black female, inside the home suffering from a gunshot wound.

Emergency medical personnel arrived on the scene moments later, but were unable to revive the victim, declaring her dead at the scene. Investigators have identified the victim, whose name will be released, pending notification of the next of kin.

Investigators have learned that the shooting suspect, 80-year-old Annie Baker and victim, were acquaintances. Baker reportedly shot the victim during an armed confrontation inside the home where her 63-year-old son Arthur Baker was also present.

Although detectives have charged no one with the shooting death of the victim, they did question and later release the Bakers, pending further investigation.

The body of the victim was taken to the GBI Crime Lab where an autopsy will aid detectives further in this ongoing investigation. A complete report of the findings will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for further review.

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For Immediate Release August 2, 2005

Detectives Arrest Strathmore Estates Shooting Suspect

SCMPD detectives arrested a suspect late Monday night for the murder of Hosea Pedro Ramirez in Strathmore Estates in mid-July.

In the midst of the recent violent criminal activity Chief Flynn directed the Criminal Investigations Bureau and CNT (Counter Narcotics Team) to select a group of investigators to fully investigate the circumstances of each of the events and learn of their interconnectivity, if any. These investigators along with Violent Crimes detectives identified Akin Mack as one of the suspects in the shooting in Strathmore Estates on July 15th.



These officers, agents and investigators developed information last night of a potential vehicle that Mack was thought to be riding in as a passenger. Working with patrol officers from SCMPD's Central Precinct, officers performed a traffic stop of a vehicle at approximately 11:00 p.m. Monday night near the corner of Anderson and Price. Mack was found to riding in the rear seat of the vehicle.

Mack is charged with Murder for the shooting death of Hosea Pedro Ramirez. Ramirez was shot in Strathmore Estates as he sat visiting with family members during a botched robbery attempt. Mack is incarcerated at the Chatham County Detention Center where he will await an arraignment hearing on the charge.

Detectives are continuing to aggressively seek out additional suspects responsible for this fatal incident.

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For Immediate Release Wednesday, August 03, 2005

West 37th Street Shooting Death Investigation

West Savannah, GA.---Detectives of the SCMPD Violent Crimes Unit are investigating the shooting death of a young black male. The incident occurred on Savannah's Westside shortly before 12 a.m. this morning at the corner of West 37th and Whitaker Streets.

SCMPD patrol officers responded to the scene within minutes of receiving E-911 reports of gunfire in the area. When the officers arrived, they found the victim lying near a pay phone located on the southwest corner of the Pump n Pantry store parking lot. Emergency medical personnel later arrived and declared the victim dead at the scene.

At the time of this release, detectives had not yet determined the origin of the gunshots, and were actively canvassing the area in search of additional details.

Witnesses reported seeing the victim leave the convenient store only moments before hearing the sound of gunfire erupt.

Detectives have positively identified the victim as a 23-year-old black male of East Savannah. His name will be released pending notification of the family.

The body was taken to the GBI Crime Lab where an autopsy will be performed. Additional details surrounding the cause of death or new developments in the case will be released as soon as they become available.

In the meantime, anyone with information about this shooting should notify the SCMPD Criminal Investigations Division at 651-6728 or CrimeStoppers, 234-2020.

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Detectives Investigating Richards Street Shooting Death

SCMPD Violent Crimes detectives are investigating a shooting on Savannah's westside that resulted in the death of a middle aged black male.

Just after 2 a.m. Saturday morning, SCMPD's E 911 Center received calls from area neighbors near the intersection of Sugden and Richards Street on Savannah's westside indicating they had heard gunshots in the area. Officers arrived to find a lone black male lying in Richards Street, the victim of at least one gunshot wound. Emergency medical personnel were immediately dispatched to the intersection but determined that the victim had expired.

The victim has been positively identified and detectives are working to contact his family. He is described as a black male, in his mid-fifties.

Detectives have initially indicated the fatal incident appears to be result of an attempted armed robbery.

His body will be taken to the GBI Crime Lab in Savannah for an autopsy.

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 August 28, 2005

Body Found in Abandoned Car

Savannah-Chatham Police detectives are investigating the death of a man found in an abandoned car in east Savannah Sunday afternoon.

Just before 6 p.m., police were called to a grassy lane between the buildings of two commercial businesses on the north end of Harmon Street, just north of Rockefeller Avenue. About 100 yards west of Harmon Street, officers found an abandoned white Chevrolet Monte Carlo. Further investigation revealed the body of a young adult black male. The victim is believed to be in his late teens or early twenties.

Officers have tentatively identified the deceased and will contact his family before releasing his name. The victim's body will be taken to the GBI Crime Lab for an autopsy to determine the cause of death and pinpoint that time frame.

Detectives have tentatively labeled their investigation as an unexplained death.

If anyone has any information concerning this fatal incident they are encouraged to contact SCMPD detectives at 651-6728 or CrimeStoppers at 234-2020. A reward of up to \$2500 is available from CrimeStoppers if this incident is ruled criminal in nature and the information leads to an arrest.

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For Immediate Release Friday, September 02, 2005

Murder 35th & Burroughs Shooting Death Investigation

West Savannah, GA--- Today, SCMPD violent crimes detectives arrested the man responsible for the September 2 robbery and shooting death of 71-year-old Marion Ward.

Information provided by community residents culminated in the identification and arrest of, John Doe age 21, of Savannah. Investigators arrested Doe at his west Savannah residence shortly after 11 this morning without incident, and charged him with Murder and armed robbery. He is now in the Chatham County detention Center and will be arraigned tomorrow at 1:00p.m. in Chatham County Recorder's Court.

The arrest comes only three days after police responded to the corner of Burroughs and West 35th Streets shortly before 6:30 p.m. Friday, September 2, on reports of a shooting and robbery. When the officers arrived on the scene, they found the victim lying in the street suffering from at least one gunshot wound. The officers identified him as 71-year-old, Marion Ward, of Savannah.

Emergency medical personnel arrived on the scene within minutes and began treating the victim. They transported him to Memorial Health University Medical Center where he later died.

Investigators have since learned that Doe had robbed the victim of money and a bicycle before shooting him to death.

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For Immediate Release Monday, September 19, 2005

Death Investigation

Detectives of the SCMPD are investigating the deaths of an elderly couple found in their apartment at 47 East Broad Street.

Painting contractors who were working on the row of apartments made the discovery shortly after 2:p.m. today and called police. While the cause of the couple's death was not apparent, they both had been dead for several days, according to investigators.

The bodies will be taken to the GBI Crime Lab where an autopsy to determine the cause of death can be made.

Investigators have tentatively identified the couple but are waiting to notify relatives before releasing their names.

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Fatal Shooting in Boyd Park

SCMPD detectives are actively investigating a shooting death in Boyd Park Wednesday night.

At approximately 9:30 p.m. Wednesday night, SCMPD's E 911 Center received calls from residents in the area of Boyd Park, reporting shots fired and a victim lying inside the park. Boyd Park is located between 56th and 57th Streets in west Savannah. Officers responded to find a young adult black male that had suffered at least one gunshot wound. Emergency medical personnel were immediately dispatched to the scene but determined that the shooting victim had already expired.

After speaking with potential witnesses at the scene, investigators have tentatively identified the victim and are working to identify a potential suspect(s). The victim is described as a young adult black male, possibly in his late teens or twenties. Investigators will make positive contact with the victim's family before releasing his identity.

The victim will be taken to the GBI Crime Lab in Savannah for an autopsy.

If anyone has information concerning tonight's fatal shooting, 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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Security Guard Mortally Wounded

A security guard was fatally shot this morning while working near the corner of 40th and Florence Street.

At approximately 3:20 a.m. Thursday morning, a number of gunshots were heard in the westside neighborhood of Cuyler-Brownsville. Arriving officers at 40th and Florence discovered a middle-aged security guard lying between two houses on the eastside of Florence. The security guard had suffered at least one gunshot wound. Emergency medical personnel were dispatched to the scene but determined that the shooting victim had already expired.

The houses near the corner are still under construction and the security guard had been posted there to provide security for the new housing construction.

The victim has been identified as Jerome Edwards, age 54, and an employee of Four Star Security.

The victim will be taken to the GBI Crime Lab in Savannah for an autopsy.

If anyone has information concerning this morning's fatal shooting, 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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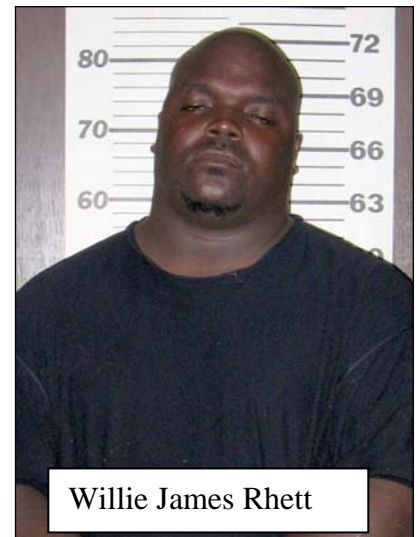
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Kayton Homes Shooting Leaves One Dead

A shooting Wednesday night in the Cape Street area of Kayton Homes left one man dead and another in custody.

Police were called to an area between Cape and Brewer Streets, just west of Morris Brown Drive, in Kayton Homes just after 10 p.m. on the report of a shooting. Officers arrived to find a young adult black male that had collapsed near the porch of 600 Brewer Street, suffering from at least one gunshot wound. Emergency medical personnel were immediately dispatched to the scene. As officers and medical personnel were arriving, a man that appeared to match the description of a man seen running from the area immediately after the shooting was spotted at Montgomery and Park Streets by Patrol Officer Warren Pippen. The suspect attempted to flee but was successfully taken into custody near the intersection of Park and Montgomery. Officers also recovered a weapon nearby.



The shooting victim was taken to Memorial Health University where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Detectives are working to identify the victim and contact his family prior to releasing his name. He is only described as a young adult black male, believed to be in his mid-to-late 20's.

The suspect, Willie James Rhett, age 33, has been charged with Murder. Detectives have learned that tonight's shooting stemmed from an earlier altercation between the victim and Rhett in which the victim robbed him.

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For Immediate Release Sunday, October 23, 2005

Ogeechee Road Death Investigation

West Savannah, GA---SCMPD violent crimes detectives are investigating the death of a man whose body was found in the room of a west Chatham motel.

Patrol officers responded to the Liberty Inn at 4005 Ogeechee Road shortly before 9:30 last night on a report of a sick person. When the officers arrived, they found the body of a 65-year-old white male dead in his room.

The body is that of Richard Stinson of Lumberton, GA.

Detectives and forensic investigators later responded and processed the scene. While processing the scene, detectives discovered signs of foul play.

Investigators sent the body to the GBI Crime Lab for an autopsy to get the official cause of death.

Anyone with information about this death should notify the SCMPD violent crimes office at 651.6728 or CrimeStoppers, 234.2020.

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For Immediate Release Saturday, November 19, 2005

Whitaker Street Murder-Suicide

A murder-suicide on Savannah's Westside has left a father and daughter dead, and mother critically wounded.

Detectives of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police violent crimes unit are investigating the circumstances that led to the early morning shooting in the family's Whitaker Street home.

Police received the 911 call from 2219 Whitaker Street shortly after 7:30 a.m. The caller told the 911 dispatcher that her husband had shot her and their daughter, then, turned the gun on himself. Officers arrived at the home within minutes, where they found both the husband and daughter dead, and the wife critically wounded.

Emergency medical personnel responded and rushed the victim to the hospital. The bodies of the deceased were taken to the GBI Crime Lab for autopsies to determine the official cause of death.

Investigators identified the decedents as 78-year-old Damon Frazier of Savannah, and his 42-year-old daughter, Netha Frazier of Lithonia, GA. The mother and wife, Alvina Frazier, 75, of Savannah is the sole survivor, who remains in critical condition at Memorial Health University Medical Center.

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For Immediate Release Sunday, November 20, 2005

Husband Leads Police to Murdered Wife

A man is in jail after murdering his wife and burying her body in a grave on the outskirts of Chatham County's Westside.

Police received a call today shortly after 1230 p.m. from a person identifying himself as the brother-in-law of the suspect. The caller informed the dispatcher that the suspect had confessed to a murder and was surrendering to the Sheriff's Department.

SCMPD violent crimes detectives responded to the jail shortly after 1 p.m. where the man was waiting when they arrived. Detectives identified him as 35-year-old Eric Brian Golden of Savannah.

Golden told investigators that he had killed his wife on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 17 at their West Chatham County home during a domestic dispute. He later disclosed the location of where he had buried her body.

Patrol Officers and detectives went 124 Slate Circle where the couple lived, and began processing it as a crime scene.

Detectives and forensic personnel went to a wooded area located approximately 7 miles west of I-95 off GA. 204 and were led to a remote location identified as Fort Stewart property. Military Police accompanied the detectives onto the property where a shallow 3-4 foot grave was located approximately a quarter mile into the wood-line.

Detectives and forensics personnel exhumed the body of a fully clothed white female around 9:30 p.m., which they identified as DeeDee Marie Golden, 35 of Savannah. The body was sent to the GBI Crime Lab for an autopsy, where an official cause of death will be determined.

Eric Brian Golden is in the Chatham County Detention Center charged with one count of murder. He will be arraigned tomorrow in Chatham County Recorder's Court.

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For Immediate Release November 28, 2005

Detectives Investigate Shooting in Ardsley Park

SCMPD detectives are actively investigating a shooting death in Ardsley Park Monday night.

At approximately 7:50 p.m. Monday night, officers were called to the intersection of Washington Avenue and Reynolds Street on the report of shots fired. Responding officers arrived to find an elderly white male that had suffered at least one gunshot wound. Emergency medical personnel were immediately dispatched to the scene and transported the victim to Memorial Health University's Trauma Unit for treatment. He died a short time later as a result of his wound(s).

The victim has been identified as Frederick Gleason, age 64.

The victim will be taken to the GBI Crime Lab in Savannah for an autopsy.

If anyone has information concerning tonight's fatal shooting, 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, December 10, 2005

Suspicious Death Investigation

Savannah-Chatham Police detectives are investigating the death of a man whose body was found this morning on Savannah's Eastside.

At approximately 2 a.m. Saturday morning, police were called to a wooded area off President Street near the Truman Parkway to investigate the discovery. When they arrived, the officers found the body of what appeared to be a man who was burned beyond recognition.

A passer-by alerted the officers of the Islands Precinct to the burning corpse, which was located in the woods approximately twenty to forty yards north of President Street. Detectives and forensic officers responded and began processing the scene.

The victim's body was taken to the GBI Crime Lab where the identity and cause of death will be determined.

Detectives are investigating the death as one of a suspicious nature and are expected to learn more about the death after the autopsy. Additional details will be released at that time.

While the location in which the body was found is generally one that is populated by the homeless, detectives did not locate anyone else in the area.

If anyone has any information concerning this fatal incident they are encouraged to contact SCMPD detectives at 651-6728 or CrimeStoppers at 234-2020. A reward of up-to \$2500 is available from CrimeStoppers if this incident is ruled criminal in nature and the information leads to an arrest.

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Talahi Island Woman Succumbs to Injuries

An 82-year-old woman has died from injuries she suffered during an attack and armed robbery at her Talahi Island home last month. Doctors pronounced Etta Dickey dead shortly after 2 a.m. today at Memorial Health University Medical Center.

Dickey was hospitalized after being found unconscious in her Suncrest Boulevard home by family members and police on Friday, December 2. An investigation revealed that Dickey had been assaulted and robbed earlier that week and left for dead by 38-year-old William Timothy Dixon of Savannah.

Dixon, who is in the Chatham County Detention Center charged in connection to the crime, will now face an additional charge of murder. An arraignment on the new charge is scheduled for Monday, December 12, at 1p.m. in Chatham County Recorder's Court.

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For Immediate Release Friday, December 23, 2005

Liberty City Shooting Death Investigation

Two men were shot this morning on Savannah's Westside. One of the men died and the other remains in stable condition at Memorial Health University Medical Center.

Jermaine Brooker, 23 of an Essex Street address in Savannah died from his wounds shortly after arrival to the hospital. The other victim, Malcolm Reeves, 24 of a Davidson Avenue address in Savannah was rushed into surgery.

Police responded to the 4000 block of Raybun Street around 1:15 a.m., where they found Brooker laid in the street suffering from a gunshot wound. Witnesses in the neighborhood reported hearing gunshots before seeing a white car speed away from the scene.

Around 1:30 a.m., police received another 911 call from a Hancock Street location where Reeves was reportedly suffering from a gunshot wound. An ambulance and officers were dispatched to Reeves' location and rushed him to the hospital.

SCMPD detectives have learned that both victims and a third unidentified man were all occupants of the white vehicle that was seen speeding away from the Raybun Street shooting scene. They have further learned that both of victims were acquainted and do not believe this to be a random shooting.

Detectives are still trying to identify the driver of the white vehicle and learn more details about the motive and person(s) responsible for the shooting. Anyone with information should contact the SCMPD Violent Crimes Unit at 651.6728 or call CrimeStoppers at 234.2020.

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For Immediate Release Thursday, November 10, 2005

SCMPD Detectives Investigate Shooting/Robbery Attempt

SCMPD detectives are investigating an attempted armed robbery and shooting of a man that occurred in the 500 block of Emerald Drive on Savannah's Westside.

Kishor Patel, 51 of Richmond Hill is in critical condition tonight at Memorial Health University Medical Center, where he was taken after suffering a single gunshot to the leg shortly before 8: 30 last night.

SCMPD patrol officers and detectives responded to the area behind 521 Emerald Drive, where the shooting occurred. Witnesses reported seeing three black males, wearing white t-shirts over their faces, demanding the victim's car. One of the suspects shot the victim as they forced him from the vehicle. The three then ran away from the scene, leaving the victim and his Green Honda behind.

Anyone with information about this shooting should notify the SCMPD Violent Crimes Unit at 651-6728; or call CrimeStoppers anonymously at 234-2020. A reward of \$2500.00 is available to anyone with information, which leads to an arrest in this case.

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For Immediate Release Saturday, December 24, 2005

SCMPD Detectives Investigate Shooting/Robbery Attempt

SCMPD robbery and violent crimes detectives are interested in talking with anyone who may have information about an early morning attempted street robbery that sent a woman to the hospital suffering from a gunshot wound.

The incident occurred shortly after three this morning at the intersection of Barnard and Perry Street on Savannah's Westside. Jennifer Ross, 20, 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 suffered a gunshot wound during the struggle.

When police and ambulance arrived, she was rushed Memorial Health University Medical Center where she remains in serious but stable condition.

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 description varied in heights ranging from 5ft. 9in.-6ft tall.

Anyone with information about this attempted robbery and aggravated assault 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 leading to an arrest in this case.

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