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For Immediate Release:

Today's Date: April 25, 2006
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Release #: 2006-144C
Case #: 06-4766
Incident Date: April 20, 2006
Incident Time: Between 0400 and 0600 hours
Incident Location: 3500 SW 42nd Street, Gainesville (Red Roof Inn)

Attempted Homicide:

Detectives with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office have arrested one person and obtained arrest warrants for two others in conjunction with the April 20th attack on John Edward Curtis, B/M, DOB 4/27/1969, at the Red Roof Inn. Ashley Diane Chaganis, W/F, DOB 12/25/1984, of Gainesville, was arrested and booked into the Department of the Jail on April 24, 2006, at 5:50 p.m. Warrants were obtained for Jerry Charles Rodriguez, W/M, DOB 5/19/1985, of Apopka, Florida, and Ariel L. Garis, B/F, DOB 3/11/1984, of Gainesville. All three subjects have been charged with Attempted Felony Murder and Armed Robbery. Both Rodriguez and Garis are still at large. The investigation is ongoing at this time.

Detectives believe that all three subjects were involved in the planning and execution of the attack on Curtis that occurred during the early morning hours of April 20th. Curtis received serious injuries from the attack and is currently listed in critical condition at an area hospital.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Rodriguez or Garis is encouraged to contact the Alachua County Sheriff's Office at 955-1818, or if you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 374-STOP (7867). You may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of Rodriguez or Garis.