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For Immediate Release:

Today's Date: June 30, 2006
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Incident Date: June 30, 2006
Incident Location: 720 SW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL (Cazabella Apartments)

Ms. Sheffield Found Alive:

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office received a tip from a construction worker who believed he saw Elinore Sheffield's poodle. Animal Control and deputies responded to Cazabella Apartments and the animal was positively identified as "Peaches" by Ms. Sheffield's family members. At that time, an exhaustive search was launched in the area where the dog was located. The search team consisted of personnel from the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Gainesville Fire Rescue, Gainesville Police Department, the University of Florida Police Department, Animal Control, and Alachua County Fire Rescue's Urban Search and Rescue team. Approximately one hour later, a deputy sheriff, assisted by a canine from the ACFR Urban Search and Rescue team, located Ms. Sheffield in a dry creek bed in a wooded area adjacent to Cazabella Apartments. Ms. Sheffield was conscious, alert, and in relatively good condition. Elinore Sheffield has been missing since Wednesday, June 21, 2006.

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office would like to both congratulate and thank everyone involved in the countless man hours attributed to the safe recovery of Elinore Sheffield. The outcome of this incident is solid proof that miracles can and do happen.