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For Immediate Release:

Today's Date: November 8, 2006
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Release #: 2006-193
Case #: 06-11710 (Follow-up)
Incident Date: N/A
Incident Time: N/A
Incident Location: N/A

Arrest Made in Homicide Case:

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office arrested John Ellis Hartley, W/M, DOB 06-27-65 for the Murder of Elgin Spencer Whittenburg of Windsor. Whittenburg was found murdered in his home on September 14, 2006 at approximately 6:18 p.m. Hartley was arrested that same night for grand theft after he was found in possession of the victim's stolen truck. Hartley has been in custody at the Alachua County Sheriff's Office Department of the Jail since this time. Following a court appearance for the Grand Theft charges yesterday he was formally arrested for 1st Degree Murder.

Detectives have considered Hartley the prime suspect in the case for quite some time, however, DNA evidence provided the critical link needed to move forward with a strong case.