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For Immediate Release:

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Case #: 08-3876
Incident Date: April 8, 2008

Grand Theft and Exploitation of the Elderly:

Alachua County Sheriff's detectives just conducted an investigation into a case involving Grand Theft and Exploitation of the Elderly. The complaint alleges that the suspect obtained power of attorney over the 85 year-old female victim and subsequently cashed in a certificate of deposit valued at over \$200,000. The suspect also listed the victim's land for sale and obtained the deed to her home.

Thomas E. Bishop, a 46 year-old white male was arrested and charged with Grand Theft over \$100,000 and Exploitation of the Elderly \$100,000 or more. Mr. Bishop has been released from the ACSO Department of the Jail on his own recognizance. At the time of his arrest, Mr. Bishop was employed as a Detention Officer with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office. He has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

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