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Cold Case Playing Cards Issued to Jail Inmates

In an attempt to solve homicides and missing person cases in Florida, 1,000 decks of Cold Case playing cards will be distributed today to Alachua County Jail inmates.

Each card in the third edition deck, produced by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), features a photograph and factual information about an unsolved homicide or missing person case from somewhere in Florida. Among the area cases depicted are:

- Phillip "Brian" Sweat – a Gainesville man who died from stabbing on June 27, 2005 at his home near Archer Road and Interstate 75.
- Gayle Beall – a stabbing victim who sustained her injuries on Dec. 9, 1983 in Ocala.
- Michelle L. Otter – a 10-year old Ft. McCoy girl who left her home on May 7, 1998 and never returned. Ft. McCoy is near the Ocala National Forest.

In addition to the cards to be issued at the Alachua County Jail, FDLE will distribute 70,000 decks of cards to Florida county jails in a statewide rollout. The Florida Department of Corrections will distribute 130,000 decks to state probationers.

In 2007, when the cards were distributed to state prisons inmates, two homicides were solved from their tips.

Posters encouraging inmates to "Be the Difference" will also be distributed throughout the Alachua County Jail. Inmates who call a toll free Crime Stoppers hotline may be eligible for rewards up to \$1,000.

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