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### ***NEWS RELEASE***

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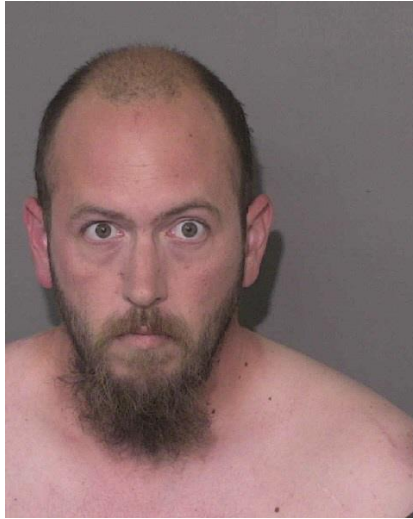
#### **Union County Man Facing Murder Charge**

A 32 year old Union County man, **Joshua Lee Burgess**, of the 5100 block of Hampton Meadows Road near Wesley Chapel is in the Union County Jail facing a charge of murder in connection with a homicide that occurred inside his home earlier today. The victim, whose name has not been released, was visiting in the suspect's home over the weekend.

The investigation began at approximately 9:24 am after Burgess walked into the Sheriff's Office lobby and informed a dispatcher he was there to turn himself in. Once the dispatcher began inquiring about his name and searching for possible arrest warrants, Burgess told her she would not find his name and that he had just killed someone. Burgess gave further details including the address where the victim was located as well as the victim's identity.

Deputies responded to Burgess' residence and discovered the victim deceased inside the residence. The scene was secured until detectives and crime scene investigators arrived.

Detectives are confident that this matter was an isolated event and the public is not at risk. Further details concerning this case will be released as information becomes available.



**BURGESS**

Point of contact for this press release is Chief Communications Officer Tony Underwood, 704-292-2707.

Citizens with information concerning criminal activity are encouraged to call:

**Union County Sheriff's Office** at 704-283-3789

Or

**Union County Crimestoppers** at 704-283-5600

