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Media Release

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Re: Arrest Made in Double Homicide the Gondolier Road in Spring Hill

Date: December 03, 2011

Case Number: 2011-41674

Suspect:

Craig A. Lede W/M DOB 03/12/1971
4272 Gondolier Road
Spring Hill, Florida 34609

Victims:

John W. Ketsemidis W/M DOB 08/17/1982
7469 Tranquil Drive
Spring Hill, Florida 34606

Dana D. Nelson W/F DOB 09/23/1983
238 Grand Ave
Masaryktown, Florida 34609

On 12/02/2011 at approximately 11:33 a.m., the Hernando County Sheriff's Office was contacted by Zafirios Ketsemidis in reference to her missing son, John Ketsemidis. Ms. Ketsemidis advised that she had not seen or heard from John since Wednesday and she was concerned. She advised deputies that Craig Lede had come by her house on 12/01/2011, in John's car, to notify her that John was at a local hospital in reference to a wound. Craig told Ms. Ketsemidis that he needed some money to take to John. Ms. Ketsemidis did not, however, give Craig any money. Prior to Ms. Ketsemidis contacting the Sheriff's Office she checked all of the local hospitals and none of them had a record of John as a patient.

At approximately 1:43 p.m. (December 2nd), deputies responded to 4272 Gondolier Road, the home of Craig Lede, in an attempt to make contact with John. When deputies arrived they made contact with Craig and requested to search the residence for John. The request was based on the

fact John was reported missing, Craig was seen in possession of John's car the day before and John's ankle monitoring device was tracking to the Gondolier address (John was on probation and court orders to wear a tracking device). Craig allowed deputies to enter the home and, upon walking into the garage, deputies observed what they believed to be a deceased human wrapped up in a blanket on the garage floor. At that time Craig became very nervous and asked the deputies to leave unless they had a search warrant. Craig was immediately taken into custody and later transported to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office for an interview. It should be noted that Craig also had an active Hernando County warrant for a violation of probation.

While Craig was being interviewed at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, deputies maintained the crime scene and waited outside while a search warrant was being obtained. During the interview with Craig, he admitted to killing John and provided information that he had also killed Dana Nelson (both were allegedly killed on November 30th). Craig advised investigators that he had placed Dana's body in the trunk of John's vehicle, which was located within the garage at the Gondolier address.

Once the search warrant was signed by the judge, investigators were able to re-enter the home. Investigators found the remains of both subjects. It should be noted that Ms. Nelson's body apparently remained in the trunk of the car the entire time, including the time he visited John's mother.

The preliminary investigation indicates that both victims were murdered about the same time and possibly occurred sometime after 11:00 p.m. on 11/30/2011. Investigators believe that Craig acted alone while committing the murders.

Craig told investigators that both victims came to his house regarding a debt. When John was unable to pay Craig the money he owed him, Craig advised he became enraged and attacked the victims with a bat. Sometime after the murders Craig took the victims car and went to John's house to make contact with John's mother in an attempt to obtain money.

Craig Lede has been booked into the Hernando County Detention Center on 2 counts of premeditated murder and 1 count of grand theft. He is currently being held without bond.

During this investigation it was also learned that all three subjects were patients of the Hope Pain Management Clinic. The clinic was closed almost exactly a month earlier, after Hernando County Sheriff's investigators completed an 18 month long investigation. Interestingly, Dana Nelson was interviewed by several members of the media the day of the raid.

“Although we cannot link this heinous and senseless crime directly to the abuse of prescription drugs, there is little doubt that it significantly contributed to the deaths of these two young people,” said Sheriff Al Nienhuis. “This is a perfect example that prescription drug abuse is not a victimless or a non-violent crime. My office will continue to make prescription drug investigations a priority, including simple illegal possession investigations to obvious over prescribing by real doctors, and all violations in between.”