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Media Release

From: Corporal Wendy McGinnis
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Re: Christmas Eve Homicide

Date: December 26, 2011

Case Number: 2011-44483

Suspect:

Karen Lyn Biraghi W/F DOB 12/27/1971
3219 Greynolds Ave
Spring Hill, Florida 34608

Victim:

Alan Biraghi W/M DOB 01/23/1980
3219 Greynolds Ave
Spring Hill, Florida 34608

Charge: First Degree Murder (No Bond)

On December 24, 2011, at approximately 1245 hours, a 911 call was received by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Communications Center from a caller who stated that she wanted to turn herself in for killing her husband. The caller identified herself as Karen Biraghi and her husband as Alan Biraghi. The caller stated that her husband was on the couch and that she shot him in the head with a gun.

During the 911 call Karen handed the phone to her mother, Patricia Wells. Patricia also spoke to the 911 operator and stated that Karen drove to her residence, in Brooksville, and told her and her husband, Kenneth Wells, that she had killed her husband. Patricia and Kenneth drove Karen back to her residence, 3219 Greynolds Avenue, and had Karen call 911.

As deputies arrived at the residence Karen came outside while holding her hands in the air, as instructed by the 911 operator, and was successfully taken into custody without incident. Deputies then went inside the residence and confirmed that there was a deceased white male on the couch as described to the 911 operator, which was later identified as Karen's husband Alan Biraghi.

During an interview with the detective Karen stated that she and her husband had been married for approximately eleven years and had recently been having marital problems. Karen also told the detective that her husband was in the process of moving out. Early that morning Alan came home from work and fell asleep on the couch. As Alan was sleeping Karen retrieved her revolver hand gun and loaded her gun with six bullets. While the victim was asleep, Karen stated that she approached her husband and pointed the gun to the rear of his head at point blank range. Karen then advised that she fired the gun twice and said her husband never moved. After shooting her husband Karen said she left and drove to her parent's residence to confess to the shooting.

Karen admitted to the detective that she shot her husband with intent to kill. Based on her interview and the evidence at the crime scene, Karen was booked in at the Hernando County Detention Center for first degree murder and is being held without bond.

Karen attended first appearance on December 25, 2011, with the Honorable Citrus County Judge Mark Yerman. Judge Yerman advised that Karen would remain at the Hernando County Detention Center for first degree Murder without bond.