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Media Release

From: Sergeant Donna Black
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Re: Dominique Lewis- Murder Case

Date: December 11, 2008

Case#: 2007-42296

Today, December 11, 2008 marks the year anniversary of the death of Dominique Lewis. The body of 19 year old Dominique Lewis was discovered by a CSX railroad worker in a wooded area at the end of Brooksville Rock Road in Hernando County.

Initially her name was not known so a description of the unidentified body including details about tattoos and jewelry was released to the public. Shortly thereafter, Detectives received information that identified the body as being that of Dominique Lewis, born April 7, 1988, who lived in St Petersburg, was the oldest of five siblings, and was attending a nursing school in Clearwater. She had last talked to family members around November 22, 2007, which was Thanksgiving time.

Hernando County Detectives working with the St. Petersburg Police Department learned that Dominique had been living at the Bay Breeze Motel at 3900 34th Street in St. Petersburg with her boyfriend Jeremy Grisby until November 30, 2007. After that Detectives believed that Dominique visited friends at other hotels in the area of 34th Street in St. Petersburg.

Dominique's car, a 1994 Ford Probe white in color was found abandoned in the parking lot of Fat Boys Beauty Supply Store (301 34th Street North, St. Petersburg).

Through leads, Detectives learned that Dominique utilized Internet dating sites and social networking sites such as MySpace to develop a number of relationships.

If you have information regarding this crime, please contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830. If you wish to remain anonymous, call the Hernando County Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-866-990-8477(TIPS) or you may email your tip by clicking below.

<http://www.hernadosheriff.org/Tips/>

You may be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.

Detectives have followed up on approximately one hundred leads and have continuously worked on this case since the body of Dominique Lewis was discovered. It is still not known how or why her body was dumped in the woods at the end of a remote road in Hernando County.

Here is how you can help solve this murder and give the family the closure they greatly need. The public is asked to contact Detective Jim Boylan at 352-754-6830 with any information about Dominique Lewis they might know. Of special interest is information about where she was staying, any names of people who she socialized with, or any connections to Hernando, Citrus, Pasco or Pinellas she might have had.

A picture of Dominique Lewis can be viewed on our Hernando County Sheriff's Office web site of www.hernadosheriff.org . Her case is listed under the Unsolved Cases.

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Vital statistics about Dominique Lewis.

- ✓ Dominique Lewis , DOB is 04/07/1988, black female, 5'6", 145 lbs
- ✓ She had braided hair extensions about 8 ½ inches long that were dark brown with purple coloring towards the ends.
- ✓ She had four earring holes in her ear but only three earrings were recovered.
- ✓ She had distinctive tattoos as follows: left wrist area name of "Jeremy" in Old English lettering and a star on either side of the name, the word "Libra", Old English lettering on top of her right foot and another tattoo on top of her left foot.
- ✓ Dominique was last known to stay in motels off 34th St. in St. Petersburg. Her family continues to live in St. Petersburg.
- ✓ Dominique attended Pinellas Park High School and just prior to her death was taking classes at Ultimate Medical Academy in Clearwater in hopes of becoming a nurse.
- ✓ The car Dominique owned was a 1994 Ford Probe, 2 door, white in color, with a Florida tag.
- ✓ Her decomposing body was discovered in a wooded remote area of Brooksville near railroad tracks on the morning of December 11, 2007.

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