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Media Release

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Re: Elderly Dade City Man Arrested for Aggravated Manslaughter – 2024-01752

Date: February 23, 2024

On 01-18-2024 Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to a residence on the 3900 block of Basinger Street in Dade City in reference to the report of a deceased elderly female. Deputies on scene met with family members, collected statements, and began the death investigation.

During the investigation, detectives received information from family members advising the decedent's husband, **Robert Carl Duhrkopf/ DOB 01-07-1935**, had made statements which led them to believe he may be responsible for his wife's death.

An interview was later conducted with Duhrkopf in which he confessed to smothering his wife until she stopped breathing.

Based on Duhrkopf's statement, detectives consulted the State's Attorney's Office regarding the appropriate charges, and he was subsequently placed under arrest for **Aggravated Manslaughter of an Elderly Person**.

Duhrkopf is currently being held at the Hernando County Detention Center without bond.

Hernando County Crime Stoppers / Anonymous Tips

If you have information on this case, please contact Hernando County Crime Stoppers. You will remain anonymous!

*Hernando County Crime Stoppers can be reached by phone at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or **TIPS from a cell phone.*

You may also submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com>.

You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000 cash!