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Glendale Police Make Arrest in Mark Woodruff Homicide

Glendale, Ariz. –On June 24th, 2014, Mark Woodruff was found shot and killed in his vehicle in the driveway of his residence in the 4400 block of W. Maryland Avenue. After a little over two and half months of outstanding investigative effort by the Glendale Police Homicide Unit, working with other law enforcement partners from Arizona all the way to Pennsylvania, Investigators located the person they believe is responsible for the murder of Mark Woodruff. That individual is 24 year old Glendale resident, Gustin Ray Woodman.

Investigators with the Glendale Police Department, working in conjunction with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, developed probable cause and obtained a warrant for the arrest of Gustin Woodman on September 12th, based upon a Grand Jury Indictment handed down for 1st Degree Murder. Woodman is currently being held in the Berks County Prison in Pennsylvania on separate charges. He will eventually be extradited to Arizona.

Investigators worked tirelessly from the moment they responded to the scene to locate the person responsible for the murder of Mark Woodruff. Investigators had no suspects, no witnesses, and very little information to help solve this case. What they did have was a small piece of evidence found at the scene that would help later lead them to their suspect. That evidence was gathered sent for forensic testing. In the meantime, just two days after the murder, Gustin Woodman was stopped on a traffic stop by a Glendale

Police Motor Officer and a Glendale Patrol Sergeant for racing another vehicle in Glendale. During that traffic stop, Woodman was found to be in possession of handgun with a shell casing still in the chamber of the gun. Woodman was on parole and was not allowed to be in possession of a firearm. He was subsequently arrested and later released by the court. The handgun and shell casing were placed into evidence. At the time of Woodman's release, Glendale Police had no information to connect Woodman to the homicide of Mark Woodruff.

In early August, the Glendale Police Forensic Unit were able to forensically associate evidence collected on Gustin Woodman's traffic stop with the evidence located at the homicide scene. This was accomplished working in coordination with the Phoenix Police Department, utilizing ATF forensic evidentiary tools. Investigators now had a suspect, and the search for Woodman began. With the help of the DPS CIRU Unit, the Glendale Police Department received notification that Gustin Woodman had just recently been arrested in Pennsylvania for robbery and was at the Berks County Prison.

Glendale Police Homicide Detectives, including case agent, Detective Eric Holmstedt flew to Pennsylvania. With the assistance of the Muhlenberg Township Police, Investigators gathered additional evidence and interviewed Gustin Woodman. During the interview, Woodman confessed to his involvement in the shooting and killing of Mark Woodruff while attempting to rob him in early morning hours on June 24th.

“Due to the diligence and hard work of the uniformed and civilian personnel who work for the Glendale Police Department, we now have an opportunity to seek justice for Mark Woodruff and his family.” –Detective Eric Holmstedt

The Glendale Police Department would like to thank our partners from local, state and federal law enforcement to include the Phoenix Police Department, ATF (NIBIN), DPS (CIRU) Criminal Investigative Research Unit, and the Muhlenberg Township Police Department in Pennsylvania.

See attached statement from the Mark Woodruff family. Phone interviews with a family representative are also available upon request. Also, see attached booking photo of Gustin Woodman.

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**Spanish translation available*

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