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  - 1.8 Ranger Sergeant COLLINS recommended to investigators that the interior of the residence be documented with a video camera before a search was conducted of the residence and anything was moved. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS suggested that the video taped footage should be taken to document the residence in the condition it was found by investigators. It was suggested that no lights be turned on that were not already turned on in the residence and that nothing be moved prior to the documentation of the scene as found by investigators.
  - 1.9 Lieutenant SIMPSON, and Hunt County Investigator Joel GIBSON, who was assigned as the lead investigator for the Hunt County Sheriff's Office, agreed to video tape the scene before investigators disturbed anything. At approximately 9:14 p.m. on Tuesday, 10-18-05, Hunt County Investigator Joel GIBSON, Hunt County Deputy Brandon BOBBITT, and Hunt County Chief Deputy Robert WHITE entered the residence to document the crime scene with a video camera.
  - 1.10 While the interior of the residence was being videotaped, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS inspected the Toyota and Mitsubishi passenger sedans and noted that the Toyota Camry was unlocked while the Mitsubishi passenger sedan which was parked behind the Toyota Camry was locked. It appeared from the contents of the Mitsubishi passenger sedan that it belonged to a male, while the contents of the Toyota Camry appeared to be more consistent with a female driver.
  - 1.11 As Ranger Sergeant COLLINS was inspecting the two passenger sedans under the carport, Investigator GIBSON and Deputy BOBBITT finished videotaping the inside of the residence and advised that they (GIBSON and BOBBITT) were ready for the justice of the peace and other investigators to enter the residence. Approximately 9:48 p.m. on Tuesday, 10-18-05, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS, Lieutenant SIMPSON, and Justice of the Peace ERWIN entered the residence through the side door and joined Investigator GIBSON, Deputy BOBBITT, and Chief Deputy WHITE in the residence. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS made note that it appeared that the occupants of the residents were still of the process of moving in as there were boxes

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containing various food items, cleaning supplies, tools, pest control items, cooking utensils, and various other items sitting on the floor of the dining area in the kitchen. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS observed that there were still clothes in the washing machine that appeared to have been washed but had not yet been placed in the dryer. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS noted that there were dishes in the sink that were still dirty, there were various cleaning supplies on the kitchen counters, there were a few grocery items still bagged on the kitchen countertop, and there were car keys, jewelry, identification cards, and other valuables to include a newer home computer and monitor, and a portable AM/FM compact disc and cassette player located on the kitchen counters.

- 1.12 As Ranger Sergeant COLLINS continued from the kitchen area and to the living area of the residence, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS noticed that the front door was locked at the door knob, the deadbolt was secured, and the safety chain was latched to the door. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS observe several boxes of what appeared to be financial documents sitting near the front door of the residents and noticed several phones in the area. When Ranger Sergeant COLLINS made a comment about the front door being secured, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS was informed that WILLIAMS told the first officers to arrive on the scene that the door on the north side of the house which was the only other door into the residence, was also locked when he (WILLIAMS) broke into the house at the request of MATTHEWS. WILLIAMS advised officers that the knob of the door on the north side of the house was locked and the door was secured, but advised that the deadbolt for that door was not locked, indicating to Ranger Sergeant COLLINS that the suspect left through the door on the north side of the house which led out to the carport and locked the locking mechanism on the knob and pulled the door shut when leaving.
- 1.13 Ranger Sergeant COLLINS noticed that the bodies of Dennis Dale and Norma Faye WOODRUFF were laying next to each other on a blue sofa against the west wall of the living room. A matching loveseat was in the middle of the living room

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facing the sofa against the west wall. A television set (which was on) and a satellite receiver which was sitting on top of the television, were sitting on top of what appeared to be the box to the television set originally came in along the north wall of the living room. There were two windows behind the couch on the west wall of the living room that had mini blinds as window coverings and the blinds were in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ the down position with the blinds shut. Several small drops of blood consistent with impact spatter could be seen on the blinds. Dennis WOODRUFF was observed seated on the sofa closest to the television on the north wall, with Norma WOODRUFF laying partially on the sofa right next to Dennis WOODRUFF, almost as if she (Norma WOODRUFF) were trying to hide behind Dennis WOODRUFF. Dennis WOODRUFF was clothed in a grey short sleeve t-shirt with writing on it, and a blue pair of sweat pants and was bare footed, while Norma WOODRUFF was clothed in a white colored short sleeve t-shirt with writing on it and dark grey or black colored sweat pants and was also bare footed.

1.14 Dennis WOODRUFF's eyes were open, his (Dennis WOODRUFF's) mouth was partially open, and had blood that had dried on his (Dennis WOODRUFF's) chin that appeared to have come from the area of his (Dennis WOODRUFF's) mouth. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS could see two stab wounds on either side of Dennis WOODRUFF's neck. The wounds appeared to be deep puncture wounds. Dennis WOODRUFF's shirt was blood-soaked. There were a pair of glasses laying on Dennis WOODRUFF's chest and a Styrofoam cup from Soul Man's Barbecue Restaurant, in Dennis WOODRUFF's left-hand which was located between the end of the sofa and two sofa pillows that Dennis WOODRUFF had under his (Dennis WOODRUFF's) left underarm. Styrofoam cup still had paper and what appeared to be spit and tobacco products approximately half way full, and appeared to have been used as a spit cup by Dennis WOODRUFF who was apparently using smokeless tobacco at the time of his (Dennis WOODRUFF's) death. Dennis WOODRUFF's upper lip appeared to have some smudging or stippling on it (indicating the possibility of a gunshot wound), but it was difficult to see because of the blood on his (Dennis WOODRUFF's) face. There was no evidence of a struggle what-

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so-ever around the bodies of Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF.
Ranger Sergeant COLLINS did note that a plastic green
colored cup sitting next to the end of the couch that Dennis of and Norma WOODRUFF's bodies were on was laying on its' side, however, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS was informed that the cup had been accidentally knocked over by one of the Hunt County Deputies that arrived at the residence when dispatched after WILLIAMS and MERRITT discovered the bodies.

- Norma WOODRUFF had blood pooled around her (Norma WOODRUFF's) neck and blood that appeared to have come from her (Norma WOODRUFF's) nose and mouth dried on her (Norma WOODRUFF's) face. Norma WOODRUFF had a great deal of powder residue on her (Norma WOODRUFF's) right hand around an area that appeared to have a gunshot wound or a defensive wound, and also on her (Norma WOODRUFF's) face and right shoulder. The residue and the apparent gunshot wound(s) indicated that Norma WOODRUFF had been shot, however, because of the blood, the exact wounds were difficult to determine. Norma WOODRUFF still had a pair of glasses that were sitting awkwardly on her (Norma WOODRUFF's) face, partially behind Dennis WOODRUFF's right shoulder and arm. Norma WOODRUFF also had several hairs in her (Norma WOODRUFF's) right hand.
- 1.16 After viewing the bodies of Norma and Dennis WOODRUFF, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS conducted a walk through of the entire residence. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS observed the following in the residence:

The entire residence was very clean and appeared to be well kept. The master bedroom contained a bed that was made, but was turned down on both sides. It did not appear that the bed had been slept in since being made, however, there was an indentation as if someone had been sitting or had placed an object on the bed on the side closest to the living room. Two (2) remote controls were sitting in the middle of the bed at the foot. There was a piece of clothing laying on the bed at the foot of the bed on the side closest to the master bathroom that appeared to be pajamas or a clothing item worn to sleep in, and there was also a pair of blue jeans on the floor at the foot of the other side of the

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bed. It appeared from the positioning of the clothes in the room, and the other items in the room, that Dennis WOODRUFF slept on the side of the bed closest to the living room, while Norma WOODRUFF slept on the side of the bed closest to the master bath. There were no dressers in the bedroom, so the clothes and other items in the room were being kept neatly in boxes and suitcases or travel bags. There was a television and a small fan on the side of the bedroom closest to the living room sitting on a small step ladder or step stool. What appeared to be a clock radio on the side of the bed closest to the living room was the only thing in  $\mathcal{W}^{h}$ the room that appeared to be knocked over. On the other > side of the bed, there was another clock radio sitting on the floor, and a coffee cup that still had a small amount of coffee in it sitting next to the bed. There were also various toiletry items and clothing items in the room stacked neatly in boxes or on the floor next to the boxes. There were also numerous bottles of various types of medication throughout the bedroom. with the respective to the throughout which broken

- 1.17 The master bedroom closet contained a few clothing items, some shoes and boots, and a .38 caliber handgun which was in the top of the closet. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS also observed a sack containing some ammunition for the gun on the floor of the closet. It appeared that the ammunition had just recently been purchased.
- 1.18 The master bathroom also appeared to be very clean. A crossword puzzle from the newspaper dated Sunday, 10-16-05, which had been approximately half way completed was sitting on the counter in the master bathroom. There was also a Crown Royal bag sitting on the counter top on what appeared to be the male's side of the bathroom. The bag contained .38 caliber ammunition. The other things in the bathroom were just normal toiletry items.
- 1.19 Ranger Sergeant COLLINS then viewed the other rooms in the residence. There were two (2) smaller bedrooms and a smaller bathroom just off the living area of the residence. The front bedroom had a mattress laying on the floor. The mattress had bedding on it and there was a pillow at the

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head of the mattress. The mattress also had several articles of clothing on it that appeared to belong to Dennis WOODRUFF. The closet in the bedroom had a blanket in the top of the closet and other than the blanket was empty.

- 1.20 The other bedroom had a bed which was neatly made and was turned down. There was mail at the foot of the bed neatly stacked and was addressed to Charla WOODRUFF and to Brandon WOODRUFF, indicating to Ranger Sergeant COLLINS that this was the bedroom utilized by Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF's children when they were in from college. The closet in the room was empty, except for an iron which was in the top of the closet.
- 1.21 The front bathroom was fairly clean, but appeared to have been recently used. The shower curtain was drawn back and a maroon colored towel was hanging from the shower curtain rod. The bathroom sink had several towels laying on the counter top next to it.
- 1.22 After a walk through of the residence, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS went back into the living room of the residence to start looking for evidence that would need to be documented and collected. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS noticed what appeared to be blood stains on the living room carpet that continued from the area of the couch where the victims were located to approximately eight (8) feet away from the couch traveling towards either the front door, or to the front bathroom area of the residence. There was a box in the middle of the living room floor that appeared to have blood stains consistent with cast off on it. It appeared that the box had been used as a make shift coffee table. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS pointed out the blood stains on the living room carpet that were leading away from the couch towards the front door. Hunt County Investigator Roger SEALS and Investigator GRANDFIELD used photo tints to cover the stains, and then photographed the area to document where the stains were.
- 1.23 Ranger Sergeant COLLINS then assisted Hunt County Investigator Tommy GRANDFIELD in bagging the hands of the

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victims. Norma WOODRUFF appeared to have defensive wounds to her (Norma WOODRUFF's) right hand with a few hairs. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS was able to pull Norma WOODRUFF's left hand out from behind Dennis WOODRUFF's right shoulder. Norma WOODRUFF had been clenching her (Norma WOODRUFF's) head hair with her (Norma WOODRUFF's) left hand, and when Ranger Sergeant COLLINS pulled the hand away from Norma WOODRUFF's head, a clump of head hair came out with the hand. Both of Norma WOODRUFF's hands were bagged by Investigator GRANDFIELD. Dennis WOODRUFF did not appear to have any wounds at all to his (Dennis WOODRUFF's) hands when they were bagged.

- 1.24 Before removing the bodies, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS suggested that a tarp or a covering of some kind be placed on the floor at the foot of the couch so any blood that came off of the bodies of Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF would not contaminate the blood stains on the carpet in the living room. A large plastic tarp was placed over the living room floor prior to the bodies of Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF being removed from the residence.
- 1.25 At approximately 11:15pm, on Tuesday, 10-18-05, individuals from Rest Haven Funeral Home out of Rockwall entered the residence and removed the bodies of Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF utilizing the front door of the residence.
- 1.26 Hunt County Sheriff's Office investigators collected several items of evidence from the scene to include the following: eye glasses of Dennis WOODRUFF, eye glasses of Norma WOODRUFF, the Styrofoam cup being held by Dennis WOODRUFF, the cardboard box discovered in the center of the living area with blood spatter on it, the green plastic cup found on the right side of the couch that the first deputy to respond to the scene accidentally knocked over, numerous financial documents showing that the WOODRUFFs were overdue on several bills, a HP Pavilion 533W computer tower, a Dell Latitude CPI Laptop computer, and a 35mm camera found in a box in the master bedroom. Hunt County Investigators also discovered two (2) black binders in the Mitsubishi passenger sedan under the carport that contained credit cards and

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other documents belonging to Dennis WOODRUFF. The binders were taken as evidence along with a brown leather sheath for a large Uncle Henry's Knife. The empty knife case was taken because of the possibility that it was connected with the instrument that caused the stab wounds in Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF.

- 1.27 At approximately 12:30am, on Wednesday, 10-19-05, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS and Hunt County Criminal Investigative Lieutenant SIMPSON discussed stopping the search and contacting Noel MARTIN and Joe RASCO with the Smith County Sheriff's Office to assist with processing the crime scene. MARTIN has extensive training in blood spatter and is equipped with chemical agents that would allow investigators to see latent blood evidence that was not visible to the naked eye without the use of the chemicals. Investigator GIBSON was consulted and agreed with Ranger Sergeant COLLINS and SIMPSON.
- 1.28 All investigators pulled out of the residence, the residence was then secured and a Hunt County Deputy was placed at the residence to maintain the integrity of the scene until the search continued. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS cleared the crime scene at approximately 1:03am, on Wednesday, 10-19-05.
- 1.29 On Wednesday, 10-19-05, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS and Hunt County Investigator Joel GIBSON met at the Hunt County Criminal Justice Center early to travel to the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office to view the autopsies of Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF. While at the Criminal Justice Center Ranger Sergeant COLLINS was informed that family members of Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF were in the lobby of the Criminal Justice Center to meet with investigators. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS, GIBSON, and Lieutenant Janie SIMPSON went to the front lobby and brought the family back to the conference room of the Hunt County Criminal Justice Center. The family advised that they had been instructed to come to the Sheriff's Office to give statements. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS, GIBSON, and SIMPSON questioned that the family had been informed that they needed to come to the Sheriff's Office for questioning because none of the investigators had

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made contact with the family. It was also noted that Brandon WOODRUFF's dress was very odd to investigators as he (Brandon WOODRUFF) was not wearing any shoes. Brandon WOODRUFF had socks on, but did not have shoes on. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS spoke briefly to the family and advised the family members that investigators would need to meet with family members, but advised that the crime scene still needed to be processed further and advised that Ranger Sergeant COLLINS and GIBSON were on the way to the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office for the autopsies of Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF. During the brief meeting, Brandon WOODRUFF's demeanor seemed out of the ordinary. While all the other family members seemed to be very interested in any information investigators could provide, Brandon WOODRUFF did not appear to be interested. Questions were posed to family members about the last contact with Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF. The family advised that Norma WOODRUFF called her (Norma WOODRUFF's) mother at approximately 9:00pm to 9:30pm on Sunday, 10-16-05. Charla WOODRUFF was with her (Charla WOODRUFF's) grandmother in Arkansas but did not speak to Norma WOODRUFF. Charla WOODRUFF relayed a message through her (Charla WOODRUFF's) grandmother that she (Charla WOODRUFF) would call Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) when she (Charla WOODRUFF) got back to her (Charla WOODRUFF's) apartment at school later that evening. Charla WOODRUFF advised that Brandon WOODRUFF stayed with Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF over the weekend and was the last person to physically see Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) alive. WOODRUFF asked Brandon WOODRUFF what time he (Brandon WOODRUFF) left Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) and Brandon WOOODRUFF indicated it was around 6:30pm on Sunday, 10-16-Charla WOODRUFF advised that she (Charla WOODRUFF) called Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF at approximately 11:00pm but did not get any answer. Charla WOODRUFF indicated that it was very odd for Dennis or Norma (WOODRUFF) not to answer the phone because all the phones (including the cellular phones) were linked together and could be answered even if Dennis or Norma (WOODRUFF) were not home. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS warned the family members that investigators needed as much information about Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) as possible and advised that some of the questions may seem

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insensitive, but advised that honest answers were needed to help with the investigation. The family advised that they understood and would cooperate in any way necessary. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS and GIBSON left to attend the autopsies of Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF while Lieutenant SIMPSON provided contact numbers to the family, and obtained contact numbers for the family members. Lieutenant SIMPSON advised that one (1) of the men in the meeting asked her (SIMPSON) if Charla and Brandon (WOODRUFF) needed attorneys. Lieutenant SIMPSON advised that no suspects had been established at that time.

- 1.30 Because Brandon WOODRUFF was not wearing any shoes, and he (Brandon WOODRUFF) was the last person known to have seen Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF alive, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS called Lieutenant SIMPSON and requested that the trash cans around the Criminal Justice Center be checked for a pair of shoes. SIMPSON contacted Ranger Sergeant COLLINS after the family left the Criminal Justice Center and advised that all the trash cans were checked and indicated that no shoes were found. Lieutenant SIMPSON agreed that Brandon WOODRUFF's demeanor appeared strange during the meeting. Lieutenant SIMPSON advised that the family was told that they would be contacted later when investigators could meet with them.
- 1.31 Ranger Sergeant COLLINS and Investigator GIBSON arrived at the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Officer where the autopsies of Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF were performed. Doctor Lynn SALZBERGER and Doctor Sheila SPOTSWOOD performed the autopsies on the WOODRUFFs. When the bodies of Dennis. and Norma WOODRUFF were cleaned up the wounds to the bodies were easier to see. Dennis WOODRUFF was shot one (1) time at close range in the area of his (Dennis WOODRUFF's) upper lip. The bullet was retrieved from Dennis WOODRUFF's skull. The bullet was a large caliber round believed by the Medical Examiner's Office to be larger than a .40 caliber (most likely a .44 caliber or .45 caliber) and appeared to be lead bullets. Dennis WOODRUFF was also stabbed at least ten (10) times: there were three (3) stab wounds to one side of the neck, two (2) stab wounds to the other side of the neck, three (3) stab wounds to the rear of the neck, and two (2) stab wounds to area of right pectoral. Ranger Sergeant

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COLLINS was informed that the deepest stab wound was approximately five and three quarters inches (5 3/4") deep, indicating a fairly large knife was used. Norma WOODRUFF had what appeared to be a total of five (5) entry wounds, but Ranger Sergeant COLLINS was told that it appeared that she (Norma WOODRUFF) was most likely only shot three (3) times. It was believed by the Medical Examiner's Office that the round that went through Norma WOODRUFF's right hand also stuck Norma WOODRUFF in the face, and it appeared that the round came out of Norma WOODRUFF's face and lodged in Norma WOODRUFF's clavicle. There were two (2) exit wounds at the base of the head in the rear neck area of Norma WOODRUFF. Norma WOODRUFF had only been stabbed one (1) time and that wound was on the left side of Norma WOODRUFF's neck, the area closest to Dennis WOODRUFF. The stab wound went all the way through the neck area traveling a minimum of four inches (4") to completely penetrate the neck. appeared to be defensive wounds to Norma WOODRUFF's right hand was more than likely an exit wound from the bullet that traveled through her (Norma WOODRUFF's) hand.

- All the evidence taken with the bodies of Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF was left with the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences for analysis. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS was advised that testing would be performed on the clothing items in an attempt to determine the distance the firearm was from the victims when it was fired, and was also advised that ballistics testing would be performed on the projectiles retrieved from the bodies of Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF.
- 1.33 After the autopsies of Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF were completed, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS and GIBSON returned to Hunt County. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS was able top make contact with Joe RASCO with the Smith County Sheriff's Office and get RASCO and Noel MARTIN to come to Hunt County to assist in processing the crime scene. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS was also informed by Lieutenant SIMPSON that information had come in from a parent of one of Brandon WOODRUFF's High School friends that Brandon WOODRUFF may be leading a double life. Lieutenant SIMPSON was told that

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Brandon WOODRUFF had apparently been experimenting with homosexual activities. Lieutenant SIMPSON was also informed that Brandon WOODRUFF was known to lie to his (Brandon WOODRUFF) parents about his (Brandon WOODRUFF's) where abouts, and that Brandon WOODRUFF made statements about hating his (Brandon WOODRUFF's) parents. Lieutenant SIMPSON advised the she (SIMPSON) would follow up on the information.

- 1.34 After meeting with MARTIN and RASCO, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS, and Hunt County Investigators Joel GIBSON, Roger SEALS, Tommy GRANDFIELD, Lieutenant Janie SIMPSON, and Deputy Brandon BOBBITT returned to the crime scene with MARTIN and RASCO. At approximately 7:00pm on Wednesday, 10-19-05, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS and GIBSON walked through the residence with MARTIN and RASCO describing the scene the way it was discovered and exactly where the bodies were located. After the walk through, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS exited the residence while GIBSON stayed with MARTIN and RASCO to process the scene with luminal to see if any latent blood evidence could be uncovered.
- 1.35 After processing the residence, MARTIN took Ranger Sergeant COLLINS back into the residence to show Ranger Sergeant COLLINS the latent blood trail that was discovered. The blood trail continued from where the visible blood trail was in the living area and went to the front bathroom and the bedroom across from the bathroom. MARTIN advised that trace amounts of blood were discovered in the bathroom sink and in the bath tub indicating to MARTIN that the suspect cleaned up in the bathroom after murdering Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF. MARTIN showed Ranger Sergeant COLLINS, using luminal, where the blood trail ended in the bedroom across from the front bathroom. The trail ended a few feet from the end of the bed (the approximate distance of a suitcase at the foot of the bed). It appeared that the suspect cleaned up and possibly changed clothes before leaving the residence. MARTIN documented the latent blood stain by photographing it and then collected several samples from inside the residence.
- 1.36 At approximately 9:20pm, on Wednesday, 10-19-05, the rest of

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the Hunt County investigators re-entered the residence to complete the crime scene search. Investigator GRANDFIELD finger printed the side door that led out to the carport where the suspect would have left, and where WILLIAMS and MERRITT made entry. MARTIN and RASCO searched the cushions of the couch where Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF were located and discovered the two (2) bullets that exited Norma WOODRUFF's body. The bullets were collected as evidence. MARTIN then collected samples from several of the blood stains located in the living area, and several samples of the latent blood stains in the hallway between the front bathroom and the bedroom. MARTIN also collected a sample from the blood stain discovered in the front bathroom shower. MARTIN advised that the stain was very faint and had been partially washed away, but advised that he (MARTIN) believed that there was enough of the stain to obtain DNA.

- 1.37 After MARTIN was through in the front bathroom, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS and Investigator GIBSON went into the front bathroom and collected the hairs found in the bath tub, the sink and on the toilet. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS discovered several dark black hairs with light areas in the drain of the bath tub. GIBSON collected the hairs. Several other dark colored hairs were located near the drain and were collected. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS then helped collect numerous hairs from the sink, and then used tape to collect hairs from the toilet seat. GIBSON secured all the hair samples taken. A maroon bath towel hanging from the curtain rod at the bath tub was collected, along with a maroon colored hand towel. MARTIN used luminal on the bath towels but advised that no blood was found on the towels. shower curtain was also collected to see if DNA could be collected from the curtain. MARTIN advised that it appeared that the suspect was able to clean up in the bathroom before leaving the residence as MARTIN discovered blood on the bathroom floor that appeared to have been cleaned up.
- 1.38 The Hunt County Sheriff's Office also collected several telephones in the living area and an work identification card for Norma WOODRUFF sitting in plain view next to a woman's watch and several items of jewelry, and Dennis

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WOODRUFF's Texas Drivers License. The .38 caliber handgun was collected from the master bedroom along with a sack containing ammunition for the gun and cleaning oil for the gun. MARTIN and RASCO collected the mail on the foot of the bed in the bedroom across from the front bathroom. MARTIN advised that he (MARTIN) would process the mail for fingerprints.

- 1.39 Ranger Sergeant COLLINS cleared the crime scene at approximately 11:01pm on Wednesday, 10-19-05. The Hunt County Sheriff's Office investigators secured the residence and took all the evidence collected to the Hunt County Sheriff's Office for storage. This investigation will continue.
- 2.1 On Thursday, 10-20-05, while at a Company "B" meeting in the vicinity of Kilgore, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS made contact with Texas Ranger Sergeant Philip KEMP and requested that Ranger Sergeant KEMP assist in this criminal investigation by helping the Hunt County Sheriff's Office prepare a crime scene diagram of the crime scene located at 5545 Hunt County Road 2648 in Royce City.
- 2.2 After the meeting Ranger Sergeant KEMP met Ranger Sergeant COLLINS at the Hunt County Sheriff's Office where Ranger Sergeant KEMP met with Ranger Sergeant COLLINS and with members of the Hunt County Sheriff's Office to discuss the investigation. After reviewing the investigation, Ranger Sergeant KEMP traveled to the crime scene with Hunt County Deputy Brandon BOBBITT who assisted Ranger Sergeant KEMP in taking measurements.
- 2.3 While Ranger Sergeant KEMP was at the crime scene taking measurements for a crime scene diagram, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS traveled to the Heath area to get a description of the residence located at 608 Laurence Drive in Heath (Rockwall) to prepare a search warrant for the residence. While at the residence in Heath, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS was contacted by the Hunt County Sheriff's Office who advised that a Randy LUNZ had information for investigators in reference to the murder investigation.

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  - 2.4 Ranger Sergeant COLLINS contacted LUNZ and scheduled an interview with LUNZ. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS met LUNZ at the Texas Department of Public Safety - Texas Rangers Office in Garland. At approximately 5:30pm, on Thursday, 10-20-05, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS met with and interviewed Randall Leonard LUNZ, a White male, date of birth: advised that he (LUNZ) saw the news story on Channel 8 News, read an article in the Dallas Morning News in reference to the murders of Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF. LUNZ advised that Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF had been his (LUNZ) neighbors for approximately nine (9) years and LUNZ advised that he (LUNZ) knew both the children also. LUNZ advised that he (LUNZ) never really socialized with the WOODRUFF's, but LUNZ would borrow things from Dennis (WOODRUFF) and would look after the house when the WOODRUFF's were gone. LUNZ advised that the WOODRUFF's owned a German Shepherd that LUNZ was able to handle, so LUNZ would take care of the dog when the WOODRUFF's were gone. LUNZ also indicated that when Dennis WOODRUFF lost his (Dennis WOODRUFF's) job, he (LUNZ) assisted Dennis (WOODRUFF) in finding another job. LUNZ appeared to know the Woodruffs fairly well and described Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) as very good parents.
  - 2.5 LUNZ knew that Charla WOODRUFF was in college in Arkansas and Brandon WOODRUFF was enrolled in college at Abilene Christian University (ACU). LUNZ advised that Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF were very proud of Brandon (WOODRUFF) for being at ACU, but advised that Brandon (WOODRUFF) was having trouble with his (Brandon WOODRUFF's) classes as far as making the grades to pass. LUNZ advised that Brandon (WOODRUFF) had difficulty with grades in high school also, and that as far as he (LUNZ) knew, Charla made good grades in high school. LUNZ advised that he (LUNZ) knew Dennis WOODRUFF to be the disciplinarian when it came to Brandon (WOODRUFF) and LUNZ advised that he (LUNZ) and Dennis (WOODRUFF) had spoken recently and Dennis (WOODRUFF) advised that he (Dennis WOODRUFF) told Brandon (WOODRUFF) that this was his (Brandon WOODRUFF's) chance to "make it, or break it," and that he (Dennis WOODRUFF) was going to pay for Brandon WOODRUFF to go to school, and that if Brandon

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(WOODRUFF) didn't do well, he (Brandon WOODRUFF) was going to be on his (Brandon WOODRUFF) own if he (Brandon WOODRUFF) wanted an education. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS asked LUNZ about Dennis WOODRUFF being the disciplinarian when it came to Brandon (WOODRUFF) and LUNZ advised that he (LUNZ) never saw Dennis (WOODRUFF) lay a hand on Brandon, but that it was Dennis (WOODRUFF) who would tell Brandon (WOODRUFF) "yes or no" to the things that Brandon (WOODRUFF) wanted to do. LUNZ stated that Norma (WOODRUFF) was "pretty much a push over," when it came to Brandon (WOODRUFF).

- 2.6 LUNZ stated that although Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF were in the process of moving from the Heath address to the residence in the Royce City area, and that most weekends were filled with work related to the move, that a few weekends earlier, Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) took the weekend off from the work associated with the move and went to see a program that Brandon (WOODRUFF) was in at ACU. LUNZ advised that Dennis (WOODRUFF) spoke to LUNZ about the program and stated that he (Dennis WOODRUFF) was very proud of Brandon (WOODRUFF) and stated that it appeared that Brandon (WOODRUFF) was really starting to do well.
- 2.7 LUNZ then told Ranger Sergeant COLLINS about the reasons for Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) deciding to move from their residence located in Heath to the residence in Royce City. LUNZ advised that they (Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF) started moving less than two (2) months prior to the interview, and advised that the reasons behind the move included the fact that Norma (WOODURFF) wanted some land to keep her (Norma WOODRUFF's) horses. LUNZ advised that Norma (WOODRUFF) was very involved in horses, and stated that Brandon (WOODRUFF) was also very involved in horses. LUNZ also advised that Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) wanted to get out of the Rockwall area to decrease the property taxes that they (Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF) were having to pay.
- 2.8 LUNZ was asked if he (LUNZ) knew what Norma (WOODRUFF) did for a living, and LUNZ advised that Norma (WOODRUFF) was an accountant. When Ranger Sergeant COLLINS made the statement that Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) must have been fairly well

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off financially to maintain two (2) house holds, LUNZ advised that he (LUNZ) had his (LUNZ') doubts. LUNZ advised that Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) had been living off of Dennis (WOODRUFF's) unemployment before Dennis (WOODRUFF) got another job. LUNZ then started talking about the vehicles that the Woodruffs owned. LUNZ advised that the white Dodge pickup being driving by Brandon (WOODRUFF) was inherited by Dennis (WOODRUFF) and given to Brandon (WOODRUFF), and that Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) just recently purchased a newer model Chevrolet heavy duty 2500 pickup to pull the stock trailer that they (Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF) had. LUNZ advised that Norma (WOODRUFF) had a used Toyota Camry that Charla (WOODRUFF) was now driving, and that Dennis (WOODRUFF) had a Mitsubishi, and Norma (WOODRUFF) had another Toyota Camry. LUNZ told Ranger Sergeant COLLINS that the Chevrolet pickup was one of the reasons he (LUNZ) contacted authorities. LUNZ advised that Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) had been moving heavily every weekend, and advised that they (Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF) had been using the Chevrolet pickup to pull the horse trailer filled with things they (Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF) were moving.

2.9 LUNZ advised that Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) asked him (LUNZ) to keep an eye on the house since they (Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF) were now in the new residence. LUNZ advised that on Sunday (10-16-05), between 10:00pm and 11:00pm, he (LUNZ) heard a vehicle pulling into the WOODRUFF's driveway and he (LUNZ) got up out of bed to see who it was and saw the white Dodge pickup that belonged to Brandon (WOODRUFF) in the driveway, and he (LUNZ) watched Brandon (WOODRUFF) walk to the garage and turn on the outside lights at the garage. LUNZ advised that Brandon (WOODRUFF) appeared to be alone, and that he (LUNZ) did not see anybody in the truck. LUNZ advised that he (LUNZ) didn't think anything of it since it was Brandon (WOODRUFF), so he (LUNZ) went back to bed. LUNZ advised that Brandon (WOODRUFF) appeared to be dressed in jeans and a t-shirt. (The time frame in which LUNZ observed Brandon WOODRUFF in the Heath area was in stark contrast to the timeline provided by Brandon WOODRUFF of leaving the Royce City address around 6:30pm (refer to

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detail 1.29 for details)). LUNZ advised that it wasn't until the next morning (Monday, 10-17-05) that he (LUNZ) noticed that Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF's) Chevrolet pickup was gone, and Brandon (WOODRUFF's) white Dodge pickup was where the Chevrolet pickup had been. LUNZ advised that he (LUNZ) did not actually see Brandon (WOODRUFF) take Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF's) Chevrolet pickup, but stated that he (LUNZ) assumed that it was Brandon (WOODRUFF) who took the pickup. LUNZ advised that Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) had been using the pickup to move things on the weekend, and he (LUNZ) found it very strange that Brandon (WOODRUFF) would take the pickup. LUNZ told Ranger Sergeant COLLINS that was the reason he (LUNZ) contacted authorities to report the pickup being taken.

- 2.10 LUNZ was asked if Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) had any friends that LUNZ knew of, or if there had ever been any late night traffic at the residence located in Heath. LUNZ advised that Brandon (WOODRUFF) was the only one who was a "night-hawk" except when he (Brandon WOODRUFF) got up with his (Brandon WOODRUFF's) animals. LUNZ advised that any people who would come over to the house seemed to be associated with animals, but did not seem to indicate that there was any unusual traffic around the residence. LUNZ indicated that Charla (WOODRUFF) had a "paint" horse that she (Charla WOODRUFF) took to college and boarded.
- 2.11 Ranger Sergeant COLLINS asked LUNZ if there was anything other than Brandon (WOODRUFF) taking the Chevrolet pickup on Sunday night that would lead LUNZ to suspect that either of the WOODRUFF's children (Brandon or Charla WOODRUFF) would be responsible for the murders of Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF. LUNZ advised that it was only his (LUNZ') opinion, but LUNZ never really trusted Brandon (WOODRUFF). LUNZ advised that Brandon (WOODRUFF) had a dog that was poisoned at one time and LUNZ advised that although it could have been other kids that Brandon (WOODRUFF) was hanging around with that could have poisoned the dog, he (LUNZ) would not have put it past Brandon (WOODRUFF) to be the one who poisoned the dog. LUNZ also advised that Brandon (WOODRUFF) was "different" and didn't seem as normal as

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Charla (WOODRUFF). LUNZ talked about how Brandon (WOODRUFF) just gave off "bad vibes" to LUNZ. LUNZ stated that the only way the he (LUNZ) could explain what he (LUNZ) felt about Brandon (WOODRUFF) was that if he (LUNZ) had animals, and needed someone to care for the animals while he (LUNZ) was gone for the weekend, he (LUNZ) would not want Brandon (WOODRUFF) to care for the animals even though Brandon (WOODRUFF) was believed to care about animals. LUNZ advised that Dennis (WOODRUFF) told LUNZ that Brandon (WOODRUFF) had gotten into several fights at school, and that Brandon (WOODRUFF) brought on the fights more than being a victim of the fights. LUNZ stated that someone egged Brandon WOODRUFF's truck one night, and that it was only Brandon (WOODRUFF's) truck that was egged.

- 2.12 LUNZ advised that one of the reasons that he (LUNZ) may have had an uneasy feeling about Brandon (WOODRUFF) was because when Brandon (WOODRUFF) was younger, he (Brandon WOODRUFF) hung around with some neighbors that LUNZ believed to be running a "puppy mill" and LUNZ advised that he (LUNZ) "abhorred" people like that. LUNZ was asked what would have "clicked" in him (LUNZ) to make him (LUNZ) believe that he (LUNZ) needed to call the police and share the information about Brandon WOODRUFF. LUNZ advised that it was really that fact that Brandon (WOODRUFF) had taken the Chevrolet pickup. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS questioned LUNZ about Brandon (WOODRUFF) taking the pickup in the past and LUNZ' advised that Brandon (WOODRUFF) was never allowed to take\ the Chevrolet pickup while Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF had ' been in the process of moving. LUNZ advised that several months earlier, Brandon (WOODRUFF) had been having problems with his (Brandon WOODRUFF's) truck, so Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF allowed Brandon to take one of their vehicles back to school while Dennis (WOODRUFF) had Brandon (WOODRUFF's) pickup fixed. LUNZ advised that when Brandon WOODRUFF arrived at the WOODRUFF's residence in Heath, that there did : not seem to be anything wrong with the Dodge pickup.
- 2.13 LUNZ advised that every evening Dennis and/or Norma WOODRUFF would come by the residence in Heath to feed the dogs and a bird, and get the mail, and sometimes would leave one of

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their cars and take the Chevrolet pickup to move some things to the new residence during the week. LUNZ advised that the last time he (LUNZ) saw either Dennis or Norma WOODRUFF was on Friday (10-14-05) when LUNZ saw Norma (WOODRUFF) in the backyard playing with the dogs. LUNZ did not see either Dennis or Norma (WOODRUFF) on Saturday or Sunday. LUNZ advised that Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) were trying to get the new place presentable and wanted to have LUNZ and his (LUNZ) wife out to the new residence.

- 2.14 LUNZ advised that Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) appeared to have a very close relationship with no apparent problems. LUNZ also advised that both Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) seemed to be very good parents. LUNZ again stated that it was only personal observation that made him (LUNZ) suspicious about Brandon (WOODRUFF).
- 2.15 LUNZ was questioned again about how sure he (LUNZ) was about what time it was when he (LUNZ) saw Brandon (WOODRUFF). LUNZ advised that he (LUNZ) would not want to narrow the time down any further than between 10:00pm and 11:00pm on Sunday, 10-16-05. LUNZ advised that he (LUNZ) was certain of the time because he (LUNZ) and his (LUNZ') wife always went to bed around 10:00pm every night because they (the LUNZ's) had to get up around 4:00am every morning to go to work. LUNZ advised that he (LUNZ) usually falls asleep rather quickly and stated that he (LUNZ) was almost asleep when the truck pulled in, so the time may have been closer to 10:00pm than 11:00pm. LUNZ also advised that he (LUNZ) was certain that it was Sunday night that he (LUNZ) saw Brandon (WOODRUFF). LUNZ stated that he (LUNZ) saw Brandon (WOODRUFF) at the residence twice on Saturday, one (1) time in a blue and silver colored Ford truck being driven by a female around Brandon (WOODRUFF's) age, around mid-morning. LUNZ advised that Brandon (WOODRUFF) placed a cage in the back of the truck, and then stated that the truck returned between 1:30pm and 2:00pm with a sheep in the cage. advised that Brandon (WOODRUFF) went into the residence and LUNZ went back inside to eat lunch. LUNZ advised that he (LUNZ) hoped that he (LUNZ) was just being a nosey neighbor and hoped that Brandon (WOODRUFF) did not have anything to

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do with the deaths of Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF. LUNZ advised that Dennis and Norma (WOODRUFF) were both fine people, and stated that he (LUNZ) just wanted to help.

- 2.16 After completing the interview with LUNZ, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS returned to Hunt County. On the way back to Hunt County, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS drove back by the WOODRUFF's residence located in the Heath area, and then to the second residence in the Royce City area. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS noted that it only took approximately twenty minutes to travel from the one residence to the other (indicating to Ranger Sergeant COLLINS that if Brandon WOODRUFF did in fact leave the Royce City address at 6:30pm on Sunday, 10-16-05, as he (Brandon WOODRUFF) claimed, and traveled to the Heath residence while en route back to Abilene Christian University, he (Brandon WOODRUFF) would have been at the Heath residence around 7:00pm instead of between 10:00pm and 11:00pm. The time frame also allowed enough time from the last known contact with Norma WOODRUFF (between 9:00pm and 9:30pm (refer to detail 1.29)) for Brandon WOODRUFF to have left the residence in Royce City after the last known contact with Norma WOODRUFF, and be able to travel to the Heath address where he (Brandon WOODRUFF) was seen by LUNZ. After determining the approximate amount of time it took to travel between the two (2) residences, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS continued to return to the Hunt County Criminal Justice Center. While en route to the Hunt County Criminal Justice Center, Ranger Sergeant COLLINS was contacted by Hunt County Sheriff's CID Lieutenant Janie SIMPSON who advised that a female was coming in to provide information on a stolen pistol that may have been connected with the murders of Dennis and Norma WOODRUFF. Ranger Sergeant COLLINS was asked to return to the Hunt County Sheriff's Office as soon as possible to meet with and interview the female subject.
- 2.17 Ranger Sergeant COLLINS returned to the Hunt County Criminal Justice Center and met with SIMPSON and with Hunt County Investigator Terry JONES. Shortly after meeting with SIMPSON and JONES, Michelle Belle LEE, a White female, date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ came into the Hunt County Sheriff's