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MEDIA RELEASE

Date: 02/02/07

Case #: 06071650F

Location: 1188 Aberdeen Drive

Nature: Dickus Homicide Investigation

UPDATE

The Franklin Police Department continues to vigorously investigate the 07/24/2006 homicides of 10 year old Blake Dickus and his step-mother, Chynna Dickus. While case investigators have received a tremendous response from the public, and hundreds of leads have been called in and followed to their logical conclusion, the investigators are requesting the public's continued assistance. Laboratory examinations are ongoing, and we continue to communicate with both the Indiana State Police and The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

We have reason to believe that there may be an individual(s) who have information pertinent to this investigation, that for unknown reasons, have yet to come forward. We are making an appeal to these persons to contact the case investigators as soon as possible.

Information about suspicious persons or unusual vehicles in the Branigin sub-division, specifically on or near Aberdeen Drive could be extremely important to this investigation, i.e. - someone who had recently arrived in the Franklin, IN, area who is now gone. Even if you think that your information is unimportant, or that someone else may have already reported what you know, please contact the investigation's hotline. Your call may be the one that provides us with the information needed to solve this case.

Additionally, we are asking the public's assistance in identifying the offender(s) in this matter by noting a change or changes in this person's behavior patterns. Often, someone in the community will unknowingly be associated with the offender of a crime, and may be in a position to observe behavioral changes in that person. They will recognize the changes, and may even question them

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about it, but may not relate the changes to that person's involvement in a crime.

Person's close to the individual responsible for this offense may have noticed one or more of the following changes/scenarios, especially since 07/24/2006:

- Unexpectedly leaving the area for a very plausible sounding reason (work related, visit a distant relative or friend, etc.),
- Missing work or other routine engagement(s), particularly on days near or close to the day of this incident, i.e. -07/24/2006,
- Unexplained injuries, i.e. -cuts, bruises, etc., particularly on his hands or arms,
- An unnatural, **for this individual**, interest in the status of this investigation, paying close attention to the media, talking about this incident with friends, family, or co-workers, etc.,
- A noted display of nervousness or irritability,
- An increase or decrease in the expression of religion beliefs,
- Changes in routine sleep patterns,
- Changes in the 'usual' consumption of alcohol, drugs or cigarettes (an increase or a decrease),
- Sudden shaving of facial and/or head hair, or, the growing of a mustache, beard, etc,
- No longer operating their personal vehicle for no obvious 'reason.' This might include suddenly keeping this vehicle in a shed or garage, selling it, giving it away, etc.

It is important to note that the exhibition of one or more of these behavioral changes alone is not indicative of one's involvement in a crime. These behavioral characteristics or changes are being shared so that the public may be sensitive to them, and may bring forth possible helpful information.

Investigators are still examining a **possible** connection with this investigation and a residential burglary reported at 2555 Woodfield Boulevard. The burglary occurred the same day as the homicide and the crimes are in close proximity to one another.

Below you will find some distinctive items stolen during the burglary of 2555 Woodfield Boulevard. Anyone with information about either crime or the current location of this evidence is asked to contact the Franklin Police Department (317) 736-5111.

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Should you or someone you know have any information that may be important to the successful resolution of the senseless deaths of Blake and Chynna Dickus, please immediately contact the case investigators at (317) 736-5111.

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