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Media Release

Incident: Homicide
Location: Deer Park Road near Three Creeks State Park
Date & time: August 2004
Case Number: 08-1109

Details;

Mitchell Wayne Kemp had not been in contact with members of his family since the summer of 2004. A family member attempting to search for and locate Mitchell obtained information that Mitchell was the victim of a homicide that had occurred in Boone County, Missouri. That family member then contacted Boone County Detectives reporting this information on February 14, 2008.

An extensive investigation began which included attempts to locate Mr. Kemp by contacting past associates, searching for employment activity on his social security number, driver's license, possible vehicle registrations and other searches on a nationwide basis. No activity was found.

Detectives traveled out of state multiple times to conduct interviews and further investigation corroborated information that a murder had occurred. This murder was reported to have occurred on property previously owned by Gregory Warren Morton located on Deer Park Road near Three Creeks State Park.

On August 9th, 2008 detectives located and began excavating a clandestine grave containing human remains. DNA analysis has identified the remains as those of Mitchell Wayne Kemp. Mr. Kemp was 39 and living in Columbia at the time of his death. An autopsy performed August 12th, 2008 has determined Mr. Kemp was shot to death, and the death was ruled a homicide.

A warrant was issued this morning for Gregory Warren Morton, 40, formerly of Harrisburg, Missouri charging him with 1st degree Murder. Boone County detectives working in conjunction with St. Louis authorities arrested Mr. Morton at approximately 9:00 a.m. today while Morton was at work. Mr. Morton is currently being transported back to Boone County. Bond is set at \$1 million dollars cash only.

This investigation is on-going and anyone with information is asked to contact the Detective Unit of the Boone County Sheriff's Department at 875-1111, or they may contact CrimeStoppers at 875-TIPS (8477) or at 875tips.com.

Questions regarding this case should be directed to Sheriff Dwayne Carey.

All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Release date & time: August 29, 2008
Release authorized by: Sheriff Dwayne Carey