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SUFFOLK POLICE MAKE ARREST MADE IN 2001 HOMICIDE

SUFFOLK, Va. (August 13, 2009)— Suffolk Police have closed the books on another cold case homicide with the arrest of a 47 year old Chesapeake man for a eight year old homicide. Gerard Dunston, of the 2800 blk. of Garrett St. in Chesapeake was arrested by Federal Marshals in Michigan last week. Marshals arrested Dunston based on indictments issued by a Suffolk Grand Jury for the homicide of Germaine Jones aka Germain Jones McPherson.

Jones was living in Chesapeake with Dunston when she disappeared in May of 2001. Her body was found that November in a wooded portion of Bennett's Creek Park. Dunston was a suspect in the homicide during the initial investigation by Suffolk detectives however investigators were unable to charge. The case became cold.

In January of 2003, investigation into the murder of Germaine Jones was assigned to Detective John Jones. This predates the formation of department's Cold Case Unit. Detective Jones investigated the case on a part time basis for six years before being able to bring the case before a Suffolk Grand Jury last month. Captain Stephanie Burch, who commands the Criminal Investigations Section, indicates that this type of tenacity in investigating cases is not unusual for Detective Jones. "Detective Jones is a tenacious crime solver. We often say around the Department, if I were the victim of a crime, Detective Jones is who I would want on my case. Any task he is assigned, he gives 110%", Captain Burch advised. "As a result of his tenacity over the last six years,

he has finally brought justice to this victim and her family. Detective Jones is a true model of commitment to his chosen profession and to the community. We could not be more thrilled," she added.

Dunston was arrested on August 7th in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He has waived extradition and is expected to be brought to Suffolk next week to face charges of homicide and shoot, cut, stab or wound.

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