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News Release

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Homicide Suspect Arrested

On Sunday, 08/28/11 at approximately 3:56 p.m., officers were in the area of 1331 W. Mt. Vernon when they heard screams for help and located two injured females outside of the home, later identified as Misty Smith and Rhonda Cruse. After entering the home, the body of Terry Brake (M/W 03/16/72) was found.

After an initial, brief interview of witnesses on scene, officers were able to locate the suspect, identified as Clarence L. Smith (M/W 06/03/55) and take him into custody where he was interviewed at Police Headquarters and is currently in the Green County Jail. Charges for 2nd Degree Murder have been submitted to the Prosecutor's Office for their further review. The charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

For information regarding the nature of injuries and the cause of death, please contact the Medical Examiner's Office.

For information regarding charges, please contact the Prosecutor's Office.

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