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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Greg Banks, Island County Prosecuting Attorney
DATE: June 10, 2011
RE: Arrest of James Huden in Mexico on Island County Arrest Warrant for the First Degree Murder of Russel Douglas

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Last night I was informed by the United States Marshal's Service that James Huden was arrested in Guadalajara, Mexico. Huden has been a fugitive from Island County since we filed first degree murder charges against him in May, 2005 for the December 26, 2003 slaying of Russel A. Douglas of Langley, Washington. An Island County Superior Court judge issued an arrest warrant in 2005 with bail set at \$1,000,000.

Russel Douglas was found shot in the head in his car at a remote location on South Whidbey Island shortly after Christmas, 2003. Mr. Douglas had two young children. The certification of probable cause in this case, along with the charging Information, is available at www.islandcounty.net/prosecutor.

We have been told that Huden will be flown to Houston, Texas, where he will await extradition to Washington. At this point, the timeline for his return to Island County is unclear, but we expect it will be no more than 60 days, and possibly much sooner.

Huden is from Punta Gorda, Florida. He was born on August 26, 1953*. He had friends and family that lived on Whidbey Island at the time of the murder.

We have no further comments on the case at this time.

*The birth date listed on the charging document is August 23, 1956, and was based upon apparently transposed numbers in the prosecutor's database. The correct date is August 26, 1953.