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**SUBJECT: Incident at Panther Valley, Allamuchy, New Jersey 07820
March 19, 2016
Decedent: Gage Theard**

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, at approximately 4:00 a.m., the New Jersey State Police responded to a report of a sexual assault/shooting that occurred in a home on Alexander's Road in the Panther Valley section of Allamuchy Township, New Jersey. Upon arrival at the scene, the State Police located an individual, later identified as Gage Theard, on the second floor landing of said home. It was determined that Mr. Theard had been shot twice in the upper torso with a 9 mm handgun and that the injuries sustained by Mr. Theard's were fatal.

Information obtained by the State Police revealed that Mr. Theard was not a resident of the Panther Valley home where the incident took place. His listed place of residence is Milton, Florida where he was attending Naval Flight School.

The matter currently remains under investigation by the New Jersey State Police Major Crimes Unit, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit, and the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service (due to Mr. Theard's military status at the time of the incident).

Once the aforementioned agencies complete their respective investigations, the Warren County Prosecutor will review the matter, in its entirety, and determine whether presentation of the case to the Warren County Grand Jury is warranted.

No further comment will be made by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office or any other agency charged with investigating this matter until the review and a final charging decision is made.

Approved by:



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Dated: April 21, 2016