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## **N e w s      R e l e a s e**

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### **78 year old Norco Woman's Death a Homicide**

St. Charles Parish Sheriff Greg Champagne reports that the death of a 78 year old Norco woman was the result of a homicide.

On Friday, November 26, 2010, deputies responded to the residence at 115 Mary Street, Norco, LA at the request of a neighbor. The neighbor reported that she had not seen Mary Nancy Arico (78) for several days. She also received a call from a family member asking that she check on Arico because they had not heard from her in weeks. Unable to get an answer at the door, the neighbor called the sheriff's office. The neighbor advised that Mrs. Arico lives alone and seldom socializes with neighbors so it was not unusual for her to be unseen for weeks at a time.

Responding deputies discovered a rear door of the residence partially ajar and located the body of Mary Nancy Arico lying on the kitchen floor. Through an autopsy it was determined that the cause of death was by blunt trauma force by an unknown object. It is estimated that the death occurred approximately two and a half weeks prior to discovery.

Last night officers arrested 4 individuals in relation to this incident:

Deese, Pauline M., 17, F  
325 Giacomo St. Norco, LA  
CHGS: Accessory to First Degree Murder

Juvenile, 16, M  
Norco, LA  
CHGS: First Degree Murder

Juvenile, 16, M  
Norco, LA  
CHGS: First Degree Murder

Juvenile, 14, F  
Norco, LA  
CHGS: Princ. To First Degree Murder