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PRESS RELEASE

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced today that an Okaloosa County Grand Jury has indicted Jackie Long of Holt, Florida on the charges of First Degree Premeditated Murder and/or First Degree Felony Murder.

The indictment arose from the October 1981 murder of Leonard "Buddy" Phelps of Niceville, Florida. Phelps was found by a family member at his residence on Boggy Bayou where he maintained a boat building business. Phelps had been beaten with a shovel and shot.

Long is currently in custody in Alabama on other charges. He will be extradited back to Florida as soon as possible.

Any questions may be directed to Assistant State Attorney Robert Elmore at (850) 689-5620.