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**Michelle Renee Stapp**

At approximately 10:30am on 02/22/2003, Michelle Renee Stapp, F/W, age 33 was found deceased at her residence in the 2700 block of Oak Park in Dickinson. On 02/24/2003, an autopsy was performed by the Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office. The cause of death has been determined to be asphyxiation.

The death was suspicious in nature and Detectives of the Dickinson Police Department investigated the case as a homicide.

The Dickinson Police Department conducted an extensive investigation and developed several suspects. Evidence eventually led to Maurice Devone Jones, a thirty year old male, who at one time had lived at the Oak Park residence. In December of 2004 the case was presented to the Galveston County Grand Jury and an indictment was returned charging Maurice Devone Jones with murder.

Detectives determined that Jones was in Killeen, Texas and the Killeen police department was called for assistance. On February 24, 2004 at about 4:00pm Jones taken into custody by Killeen police detectives. He was turned over to Dickinson Police Detectives and will be transported back to Dickinson