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GRAND JURY HANDS DOWN INDICTMENTS IN MURDER CASES

The Lee County Grand Jury today returned indictments on two separate murder cases. One of which has been sealed, according to Florida law, pending the arrest of one of the subjects.

The other indictment was against Fred Cooper (7/18/78) for two counts of First Degree Murder, and Burglary While Armed in connection with the murder of Michelle Andrews (4/14/77) and Steven Andrews (5/5/77) on, or about, December 26th and 27th. The bodies were discovered by police on the morning of the 27th, after receiving a 911 call from the residence at 12221 Eagle Point Circle, Fort Myers. Mr. Andrews died of a gunshot wound and Mrs. Andrews was asphyxiated.

Assistant State Attorney Anthony Kunasek and Chief Assistant State Attorney Randall McGruther will prosecute the case. The defendant is being held without bond. His arraignment is set for February 6th, 2006 at 8:30 AM.

In Florida, first-degree murder carries a penalty of either death, or life in prison without the possibility of parole. In any case in which a grand jury returns an indictment for first-degree murder, the law and circumstances will be thoroughly reviewed by the State Attorney's Death Penalty Review Committee. A recommendation is then made to State Attorney Steve Russell, who will then determine whether or not to seek the death penalty.