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TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff's Office To Give Home Back To Owner

On Friday, May 11, 2007, at 10 am, at 2508 East 9th Street, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to present Mrs. Geneva Houston with her rebuilt house.

In February of 2006 while Travis County Sheriff's Deputies were helping to build a house in East Austin they came across a house around the corner that was literally falling down around the owners head. The house belongs to Mrs. Geneva Houston, A.K.A. Granny. It was purchased in 1961 and is home to Granny and a relative who is handicapped. It had deteriorated to the point that it is hazardous to anyone who lives in it. After talking with Granny for a few minutes, and seeing the condition of the house, it was decided that someone needed to build her a new house.

In May of 2006, Sheriff Hamilton, the Travis County Sheriff's Office, and the community, came together to rebuild a home for Granny. The house was razed and the Sheriff's Office has worked with many people, who donated their time, materials and money to rebuild her home. It is now time to give Granny her keys.

Note: There will be an open house and refreshments available after the ceremony. Media is asked to park on Northwestern Avenue near 9th Street.

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