FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 6, 2007

Travis County Sheriff’s Office Investigates First Homicide Of The Year - Updated

On June 5, 2007, at about 1am, Sheriff’s Deputies were called to 3500 Lakeview Ave, in Northwestern Travis County, in reference to a man who was shot on the property.

Detectives met with the suspect, identified as

Ben Wilson Chambless, Date of Birth 4-2-1969,

who stated that he was awakened by noises from the neighbor’s dog around his house. He said he went outside and shot his rifle, in the dark, toward the ground in an attempt to scare away the dog. After firing the shots from his rifle he discovered that the victim had been in the shadows of a tree and was shot. The victim was pronounced deceased by EMS at 1:15am.

The victim’s identity is being withheld pending the notification of next of kin. He lived in the area and according to witnesses was a friend with the suspect.

The suspect was not arrested at the scene. The case is currently being investigated by Sheriff’s Detectives and will be forwarded to the DA’s Office for review and presentation to the Grand Jury.

###

Submitted By: Roger Wade, Public Information Officer, (512) 854-4986