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PRESS RELEASE

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced today that Harry B. Leach has been indicted by the Okaloosa County Grand Jury on the charge of First Degree Premeditated Murder and First Degree Felony Murder for the 1997 death of Pluma Bell Sanford.

Sanford was murdered in her home on Pineview Boulevard in Fort Walton Beach in August of 1997. The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department had re-opened the investigation in 2010. In late 2012, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Crime Laboratory matched DNA found at the scene with Leach's DNA profile. Leach is awaiting extradition from Phelps County, Missouri.

Any questions may be directed to Assistant State Attorney William Bishop at (850) 651-7260.