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### Media Release

### Cold Case Homicide Solved after 23 Years

On October 8, 1992, Richard Woods was murdered in the City of Lebanon. His body was discovered in a wooded area alongside Middleboro Road in Washington Township on November 9, 1992. Members of the Warren County Sheriff's Office worked tirelessly on the case for several years, interviewing witnesses and pursuing each and every lead. Through the course of the investigation, Sam Perone, 67, now residing in Phoenix, Arizona, was identified as the suspect.

On October 1, 2015, the case was presented to the Warren County Grand Jury, and they returned an indictment for Sam Perone, for the murder of Richard Woods.

Detectives from the Warren County Sheriff's Office went to Phoenix, and with the help of the Phoenix Police Department and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, they served a search warrant on Mr. Perone's home and took him into custody.

He is now awaiting extradition back to the State of Ohio to be arraigned for one count of Murder.

There will be a press conference at the Warren County Sheriff's Office on Friday, October 9, 2015, at 9am, where more information on the case will be made available.

Lieutenant John Faine