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## **Press Release**

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Subject: Gearen Murder Investigation Still Active Two Years Later – New Leads Shows Promise

Galveston County Sheriff's investigators are actively pursuing leads that have them focused on several persons of interest as they continue their probe into the brutal murder of Bridgette Lynn Gearen.

Since the start of their investigation two years ago, Sheriff's detectives have received scores of leads and tips, giving each one attention to determine how – or if – those pieces of information may help them determine Gearen's killer or killers. One lead developed over the past several months led detectives to spend last week out of state, following up with numerous interviews.

Armed with information from those talks, detectives are now focused on several men with possible connections to Gearen's death. None of these men are from the area, but investigators know these persons were in the Crystal Beach at the time of Gearen's grisly murder. Deputies still have much work to do in pursuing this particular lead.

Gearen, from Orange, Texas and the 28-year-old mother of daughter Kyra, then 2, was on a weekend outing in Crystal Beach with several friends. Moments before midnight on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, she was going to join others for a ride along the beach and walked away from her cabin toward Crystal Beach Road. Within moments her friends followed, thinking she had joined others on the beach. They didn't realize what truly happened until her partially clothed body was found early the next morning by campers on the beach near Monkhouse Road, a few hundred yards west of her beach cabin. The trauma detectives noticed told them her death was extremely violent, so violent that veteran investigators characterized her murder as one of the most horrific in their memories.

Those involved in the probe are convinced, though, that someone in the public may have a small bit of information that will help them solve Bridgette's murder.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Galveston County Sheriff's Office at (409) 766-2322 or toll-free at (866) 248-8477.

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