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MEDIA RELEASE

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On June 20, 2015, at approximately 7:45 AM, Quartzsite Police Department (QPD) arrested **Thomas Daniel** for 1st Degree premeditated homicide and arson of an occupied structure of identified victim Linda Garrett. The date of the offense occurred on August 23rd, 2012. Suspect **Thomas Daniel** was taken to his initial court appearance at the La Paz County Justice Court #4. Judge Carnevale required a \$500,000.00 bond as requested by the Arizona Attorney General's Office prosecuting attorney. Suspect **Thomas Daniel** was booked into the La Paz County jail for the above mentioned charge. The Arizona Attorney General's Office attorney attended the initial appearance and will be prosecuting the case. There has been a felony indictment from the State's Grand Jury located in Phoenix for the mentioned charges.

On August 23rd, 2012, in the evening hours, victim **Linda Garrett's** deceased body was found with multiple stab wounds and partially burned inside her mobile home located at 855 E. Rogers Road, space #21 in Quartzsite, Arizona. The elderly victim **Linda Garrett** was a long time resident of Quartzsite and liked by many. QPD case Detective Mike Lancaster received DNA results from the Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Lab matching **Thomas Daniel** taken from the body of **Linda Garrett**.

Chief Ernie Renfro would like to thank the community members for their patience with this investigation and for the assistance from the attorneys and investigators from the Arizona Attorney General's Office in Phoenix, Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Lab, Phoenix Police Department and the La Paz County Sheriff's Office. We will patiently watch and occasionally update our residents as the case proceeds through the court system. The Quartzsite PD will continue to work hard to bring those criminals to justice and protect our citizens. See attached photograph of suspect **Thomas Daniel**.

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