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Suspect Arrested in Connection with 2011 Homicide

Seminole County (March 14, 2023) – An Orange County man is charged with connection with the 2011 shooting death of a man in his Seminole County home.

Late the evening of August 17th, 2011, Seminole County detectives say the victim, 44-year-old Harry James Hoover, contacted an online escort service and agreed to have a woman meet him at his home in the 3200 block of Timothy Street in unincorporated Apopka.

Early that morning, detectives say the suspect, 32-year-old Jerald McArthur Williams arrived at the victim's home intending to rob him. Upon opening the front door of his home, Hoover was shot at least one time and expired in the living room. His body was discovered by a roommate the following morning.

An accomplice, Jessica Perry, 30, of Ocoee, who was with Williams that night was arrested in July 2022, and charged in connection with this case.

"Our agency never stops investigating homicide cases, no matter how much time has elapsed," said Sheriff Dennis Lemma. "We hope this arrest brings some measure of relief to Mr. Hoover's loved ones, and I want to thank our detectives for all their efforts, working in concert with partners from State Attorney Phil Archer's office."

Williams was booked into the Seminole County jail under a charge of First Degree Felony Murder. He is being held without bond. Photos of the victim, Mr. Hoover, and suspect mugshot, Jerald Williams, are included here:



Harry Hoover

Jerald Williams

Jessica Perry

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