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Progress Update on the Paul Michael Merhige Investigation

December 3, 2009, 11 AM -- Together with the the United States Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force, the Jupiter Police Department would like to provide the following update on the progress of this investigation.

First, an update on the events of last night in Miami. The individual who was spotted on Bayshore Drive subsequent to a 9-1-1 call was determined not to be our suspect, Paul Michael Merhige. Although there were similarities in his physical description, our suspect is considered heavier, and has a receding hair line. The Jupiter Police Department would like to thank the Miami Police Department and the United States Marshals Service for their quick response and follow-up to this lead.

At this time, the United States Marshals Service has elevated this search to a Major Case. This means the reward has increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for any information leading to the apprehension of Paul Merhige. The case is considered a top priority and the necessary resources have been allocated in our continued search for the suspect.

The United States Marshals Service has developed information that is contained on their web site that will provide more specific information concerning this suspect. For more detailed information and additional facts surrounding Paul Merhige, including his latest criminal profile and state of health, please refer to their website at: www.usmarshals.gov. The Public is also urged to visit this site for information on the suspect's appearance and profile.

The Jupiter Police Department continues to work closely with the United States Marshals Service on the search for **Paul Merhige**. We are actively working on tips we have received and emphasize the importance of the public's assistance in providing information concerning this suspect. We would like to remind the public that our suspect is a white male, approximately 5'08", 210 pounds with a heavy build. He has dark colored hair with a receding hair line and he has been known to wear glasses.

He was last seen operating a 2007 royal blue four-door Toyota Camry with a Florida license plate **W42-7JT**. The vehicle has no tint on the windows and has a rear factory spoiler. He is considered armed and dangerous.

If anyone has information concerning **Paul Michael Merhige**, please contact the Jupiter Police Department at (561) 746-6201, their local law enforcement agency or Crime Stoppers' anonymous "TIP" line, 1-800-458-8477.

Again, I would like to urge the public to access the US Marshals web site at www.usmarshals.gov for additional information concerning Paul Merhige.

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