HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

1201 Franklin, 6th Floor

Houston, Texas 77002

Contact Donna Hawkins, George Flynn or Scott Durfee (713) 755-5816

December 8, 2008 Release Immediately

NEWS RELEASE

CHARGES FILED AGAINST MABRY LANDOR FOR CAPITAL MURDER OF TIMOTHY ABERNETHY

Today, the State of Texas filed a felony complaint against Mabry Landor, alleging that he committed the capital murder of Officer Timothy Abernethy by shooting Officer Abernethy with a firearm. Landor is scheduled to appear in the 209th District Court on December 9 for arraignment. He is currently being held without bond.

District Attorney Kenneth Magidson made the following statement regarding this matter:

The death of Officer Abernethy is a terrible loss to the community. I extend my condolences to Officer Abernethy's family, his friends, and his fellow peace officers.

Although all criminal cases are meaningful, there are few cases in the criminal justice system more significant than the capital murder of a peace officer. This office will devote all available resources to ensure that justice is done in this matter. I have instructed my staff to begin the process of gathering and summarizing the evidence relevant to the decision whether to seek the death penalty in this case.