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Hanover County Sheriff's Office
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Immediate Release: Hanover and Henrico Counties Team-Up to Clear 26 Year Old Case

On September 19, 2006 the Hanover County Sheriff's Office and the Henrico County, Division of Police in coordination with the Hanover County Commonwealth Attorney's Office, obtained indictments on John Bradley Crawford in connection with the 1980 Abduction and Murder of 6-year-old Alexander Glanz.

Crawford, a 45-year-old white male, who has been incarcerated in the Virginia Department of Corrections since May 1981 on charges relating to the abductions of two Mechanicsville children, has been indicted for First-degree Murder and Abduction by a Hanover County Grand Jury.

Alex Glanz was last seen getting off the school bus on December 3, 1980 near his residence in the 300 block of Oakleys Lane in the east end of Henrico County. The Henrico Police and several other agencies conducted a significant investigation and search operation in an effort to locate Alex. On December 6, 1980, Alex was located by hunters in a wooded area off Cold Harbor Road in the east end of Hanover County. The medical examiner determined that Alex died of exposure.

Investigators from the Henrico County Police and the Hanover County Sheriff's Office have been periodically reviewing the evidence and interviewing witnesses in an effort to renew and fortify the evidence that was collected in 1980 and the years that followed. Their cumulative efforts resulted in the Grand Jury presentation that took place on the 19th.

"We are pleased that this case will be presented in court. Although this horrible crime occurred over 25 years ago, it has never been closed and remains in the collective memory of many officers and citizens that worked diligently in the search and recovery of Alex. This proceeding is a result of the cumulative efforts of many, in memory of a little boy who did not have the blessings of a long life, but the reality of a horrible death," said Colonel V. Stuart Cook.

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