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Domestic Homicide Results in Suicide of the Suspect

(Paulding County, GA) On 05/27/15 at approximately 1:37 pm a female complainant called Paulding County 911 in reference to possible suicide threats at 282 Baywood Way Hiram, GA 30141. The female further stated that her ex- boyfriend, who is the father of one of her children, called and told her that he had just killed his current wife and that he was going to kill himself. The female complainant stated that the current wife was at their residence (on Baywood Way) and that the suspect, Rockwell Thelmon Sarrabo, B/M, 41 YOA was enroute to Sandtown Park in Fulton County.

When Deputies arrived at the residence on Baywood Way they made entry into the home through an unlocked door. When they entered the residence, they found the victim deceased as a result of a gunshot wound to the head. The victim, identified as Nicole Thomas, B/F, 44 YOA, is the current wife of Sarrabo.

Deputies then requested that Fulton County Police check Sandtown Park for the suspect vehicle (white Cadillac Escalade). When Fulton County Police arrived on scene they located the vehicle unoccupied at the park. Fulton County Police looked for the suspect and were unable to locate him. At the time of the incident, Sarrabo was considered armed and dangerous. Law Enforcement encouraged citizens to call 911 if they saw him in or around the park. Throughout the day, law enforcement officers from multiple agencies descended on the park to search for Sarrabo.

At about 7:45 pm the homeowner at 2099 Enon Road Atlanta, GA located a deceased black male in the wooded area behind his residence which is not far from Sandtown Park. The homeowner stated that earlier in the day (about 2:00 pm on 05/27/15) he heard a single gunshot but did not think much of it because that is common occurrence in the wooded area around his home. Later that day, once his wife had seen news coverage by the Atlanta area media, she told him that she was concerned that the gunshot could have



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come from Sarrabo. The homeowner then began walking in the wooded area behind his residence and ultimately located a black male who was deceased as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Once Paulding County Deputies and Fulton County Officers arrived at the location of the body, they confirmed that it was in fact Sarrabo. Fulton County Police processed the crime scene and the Fulton County Medical Examiner's Office took Sarrabo's body to their office for an autopsy.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation will conduct an autopsy on Nicole Thomas and the Fulton County Medical Examiner's Office will conduct an autopsy on Rockwell Sarrabo at some point on Thursday (05/28/15).

Throughout this incident, law enforcement officers from the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Fulton County Police Department, and the United States Marshal's Service Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) worked hand in hand to come to a resolution in this case.

