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**PRESS RELEASE**

Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2017  
From: Chief of Police, Robert J. Johnson  
Subject: Carnell Solomon

On Thursday, June 1, 2017, the Corsicana Police Department was notified by a family member that 79-year-old Carnell Solomon had not been seen at the home that he shared with a family member since May 29, 2017. Relatives stated that he was last seen at his residence which is located in the 800 Block of South 14<sup>th</sup> St. Family members further stated that Mr. Solomon did not drive or carry a cell phone and that he walked with the aid of a cane. Mr. Solomon usually would check his mail which was still delivered at an address that he formerly occupied on South 9<sup>th</sup> Street which is approximately a quarter mile from his current residence. The Corsicana Police Department conducted a foot search of the area surrounding his residence and a wooded area containing a creek which was in a search radius between his residence and the mailbox location.

A "Critical Missing Person" bulletin was issued to the local media outlets as well as posted on the Corsicana Police Department and Corsicana Daily Sun social media pages. As the investigation progressed, several leads were exhausted as to where Mr. Solomon might be located as well as several false sightings were investigated. On Monday June 5, 2017, the Corsicana Police Department utilized a drone to expand the initial search area and provide a better view of the surrounding area and trails. That search did not reveal any new leads and it was decided to combine efforts with search drones from the Navarro County Office of Emergency Management and the Navarro County Sheriff's Department to further expand the search area. At approximately noon on June 6, 2017, a drone from the search team located a body in an area outside the original search grid, partially hidden by dense foliage. The body had suffered from severe decomposition and cause of death could not be determined at the scene. The area in which the deceased was located was not part of the trail system that Mr. Solomon normally traveled. No personal items appeared to be missing from the deceased and identification on the body identified the deceased as Mr. Solomon. An autopsy was ordered on the deceased.

On Wednesday June 7, 2017, American Forensics issued a statement of Preliminary Autopsy Findings which listed the cause of death as natural due to Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease as the preliminary cause of death of 79-year-old Carnell Solomon.

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