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## **COLD CASE UNIT CLOSSES SECOND CASE Charges filed in 1982 Williston Murder**

BISMARCK – Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem announced today that the Cold Case Unit has closed its second case, a twenty-four year old murder in Williston.

On December 4, 1982, 18 year old Gary Gerth was shot and killed during an apparent robbery at the Mon-Dak convenience store in Williston. The Williston Police Department and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) conducted an investigation of the incident and followed several leads over the years, but Gary's murder has remained an unsolved case – until this week.

Earlier this week, the Williams County State's Attorney filed a complaint charging William See Walker, age 48, with the homicide. See Walker, who is originally from ND, was being held in a federal penitentiary in Colorado. Working with federal authorities and the ND Department of Corrections, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem was able to secure See Walker's transfer from the federal penitentiary to North Dakota. See Walker is represented by Brenda Neubauer and further information will become available as the case proceeds in the courts.

"The investigators have cleared the case by arrest. A warrant has issued, and in due course William See Walker will have an opportunity to appear in court to answer to the charges," said Stenehjem.

This is the second homicide investigated by the Cold Case Unit at the BCI that was initiated by Stenehjem in November 2005. The earlier case involved the homicide of New Rockford resident Kathy Bonderson. Fourteen other cases are under review by the Cold Case Unit, including the 1993 Logan County double Missing Persons case of Kristin Joy Diede and her boyfriend Robert Michael Anderson, last seen in Wishek on August 15, 1993, and the 1981 Ramsey County murder of Clifton Wendell Marsh. Information about all cold cases under investigation can be viewed on the Attorney General's website, at [www.ag.nd.gov](http://www.ag.nd.gov) on the "Cold Cases" link. Anyone with information about a case should call the BCI at 1-800-472-2185.