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MEDIA RELEASE

14-Year Murder Mystery Solved by HBI Cold Case Unit, Maraval Man Charged

A 56-year-old man from Maraval has appeared in court today charged with the murder of Wendy Safe.

MICHAEL ASHBY, 56, a cook and farmer from Le Platte Village, Maraval, appeared virtually before Master Margaret Sookraj-Goswami on 24th October, 2024, charged with murder. During the hearing, Ashby was remanded into custody.

At approximately 6:45 am on 3rd March, 2010, the body of **WENDY SAFE**, 43, was discovered on Upper Duke Street, Port of Spain, bearing multiple marks of violence. The initial investigation was conducted by Homicide Officers of Region One, who subsequently referred the case to the Homicide Bureau of Investigations Cold Case Unit. There, Cold Case Specialist Mr Kirk Griffith produced an extensive report with recommendations aimed at resolving the case.

Following meticulous enquiries, a meeting was held with Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Mrs Joan Honore-Paul, on 22nd October, 2024, who advised that Michael Ashby be charged with the murder of Wendy Safe. Mr Ashby was arrested and charged by PC Martin on 23rd October, 2024.

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This investigation was spearheaded by Assistant Commissioner of Police Mr Rishi Singh, Senior Superintendent of Police Mr Sean Dhillpaul, and Assistant Superintendent of Police Mr Randy Ramjag. It was supervised by Sgt Nanhoo, with assistance from Cold Case Specialist Mr Kirk Griffith, Cpl Mitchell and his team, WPC Pamphile, PC Mc David, and WPC Foster.

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