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## **N e w s      R e l e a s e**

*Captain Pat Yoes*  
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Anyone with information regarding this incident(s) is asked to call Crime stoppers at 1-877-903-STOP. Citizens do not have to give their name nor testify and could receive up to \$1,000.

*October 5, 2009*

**INCIDENT:** Unclassified Death  
**LOCATION:** 100 Lance Lane, Luling, LA  
**DATE:** 10/3/09  
**ITEM NO.:** J-00302-09

Sheriff Greg Champagne reports that Deputies responded to a 911 call from a person claiming that a subject had just shot himself while visiting them in their residence located at Lancelot Apartments in Luling. Responding officer went to the Luling apartment, met with the caller and found the victim Gerald Dumas, 12-16-67, age 41 of Vacherie, LA, unconscious with a gunshot wound to the chest. Subject was transported by ambulance to Ochsner's Hospital of Kenner where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Responding officers were told that the incident was a suicide. St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office detectives are still investigating the death and have not made a determination or classification if the shooting was accidental, suicide, or possible homicide.