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District Attorney Investigator Apprehends Felony Probation Violator in Grapevine, Texas

(DALLAS – December 14, 2007) – On December 12, 2007, a Dallas County District Attorney’s Office investigator, in conjunction with the county’s Community Supervision and Corrections Department Absconder Unit, Dallas County Constable Precinct 2 and the Grapevine Police Department, apprehended and arrested felony probation violator Nicholas Lee Brown. Mr. Brown was originally placed on probation on March 22, 2004, for a road-rage incident where he committed murder and three offenses of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

“The capture of Mr. Brown is another example of how the DA’s Office can be successful in protecting the citizens of Dallas County by working together as a team with local law enforcement with one common goal — getting violent criminals off our streets and back in custody,” said Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins.

On October 8, 2007, Mr. Brown was arrested for two new offenses, assault – family violence and interference with a 911 call. A probation violator arrest warrant was issued on December 2, 2007. With the assistance of the Grapevine Police Department, the Dallas County District Attorney’s investigator successfully apprehended Mr. Brown on December 11, 2007, at his place of employment in Grapevine, Texas. He is in custody at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center in Dallas.

The Absconder Unit Felony Section, which launched in August, is a collaborative effort with Probation Officers, District Attorney Investigators, Dallas County Constables and the Dallas County Sheriff’s Department.

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The mission of the Absconder Unit, which is headed by Dr. Michael Noyes, director, Community Supervision and Corrections Department, Dallas County, is to attempt to locate individuals who have absconded their court-ordered supervision, encourage and motivate them to return into compliance, facilitate the apprehension of those who refuse to comply and cooperate with law enforcement in any criminal investigation.

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