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Three Indictments Announced in Marion County Triple Homicide

OCALA, FL - State Attorney, William “Bill” Gladson, announces the grand jury indictments of Robert Robinson, Tahj Brewton, and Christopher Atkins. All three defendants will be charged as adults in Marion County Circuit Court. Robinson and Brewton were indicted on three counts of first-degree murder and Atkins was indicted on one count of first-degree murder in the shooting deaths of three Marion County juveniles. The defendants were also indicted on charges of robbery with a firearm and tampering with physical evidence.

The bodies of the three juvenile victims were found between March 30th and April 1st, 2023, in different locations in Ocklawaha, Florida. The first victim was discovered lying unconscious near a dumpster on March 30th after being shot in the head. She was transported to the hospital and died from her injuries. The second victim was found dead the following morning on the side of the road with a gunshot wound to the back of the head. The third victim was found dead in the trunk of a vehicle on April 1st. She had been shot two times and murdered while in the trunk of the vehicle.

Sheriff Billy Woods and his detectives with the Marion County Sheriff’s Office worked diligently to investigate the case and apprehend the defendants responsible for these heinous crimes. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement and United States Marshall’s Office provided evidence linking the defendants to the murders and assisted with the apprehension of a suspect. All three defendants are currently being held on no bond in the Marion County Jail.

William “Bill” Gladson was elected State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit in November 2020 and took office January 2021. He is a former law enforcement officer and career prosecutor with over 20 years of trial experience. As State Attorney, Gladson leads a team of over 250 employees who serve the citizens of Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter counties, an area encompassing more than 1.2 million people.

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