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**SUSPECTED SERIAL KILLER AND RAPIST TIED TO GOLETA
COLD CASES ARRESTED**

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that after terrorizing communities throughout California between 1976 and 1986, James DeAngelo, 72, alleged to be the perpetrator of twelve murders, 45 rapes, and 120 residential burglaries, was arrested in Sacramento on Tuesday.

Through the collection and testing of DNA evidence, it is alleged that the Golden State Killer, East Area Rapist and the Original Night Stalker are the same person. His alleged known victims resided throughout Sacramento County, Contra Costa County, Tulare County, Alameda County, Orange County, Ventura County and Santa Barbara County where there were allegedly six victims in the City of Goleta; four of whom were murdered.

DeAngelo, who is reported to be a former Auburn, California police officer was fired many years ago for shoplifting. He allegedly began this crime spree in 1976 in Rancho Cordova, a suburb of Sacramento. The last crime linked to the serial killer occurred on May 5, 1986 in Orange County.

It is through the collaboration of statewide law enforcement agencies, and their unwavering commitment to seeking justice for the victims, that a suspect is now custody.

District Attorney Dudley, who has been working for years across the state with multiple jurisdictions on this case, credits Sacramento County District Attorney, Anne Marie Schubert, for her unwavering leadership. DA Dudley went on to state, "Cold crime cases never grow "cold" for the victim's loved ones who are fraught with overwhelming sadness, frustration and anger. Hopefully, Tuesday's arrest will bring them some sense of justice. None of us in law enforcement throughout the State of California have ever lost sight of our responsibility to seek an arrest in this case. Last night, I spoke with several members of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office who have remained, and will continue to remain engaged in bringing justice and closure to the loved ones of our local victims. Given the present state of the investigation, I will limit my office's statements until further action is taken in Santa Barbara County."
