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NEWS RELEASE

Newport Woman Charged with Murder of Missing Aunt

On 09/26/2012 at 9:45pm Carteret County Sheriff's detectives and SBI agents arrested Rhonda Williams Hagan, 30, of 406 Nine Foot Rd in Newport on one open count of murder.

Hagan is accused of murdering her great aunt Goldie Hall, 90, of 2065 Hwy 24 in Newport on Thursday 09/20/2012 the same day the residence went up in flames.

The body of Ms. Hall has not been recovered at this time and the cause of the fire is still being investigated.

Lt. Michael Panzarella, lead detective on the case, stated that due to the ongoing criminal investigation no further details about the crime can be released.

Hagan has been charged with one open count of murder and is being held in the Carteret County Jail without bond. Hagan is scheduled for her first court appearance on Thursday morning 09/27/2012.

Sheriff Asa Buck thanked all the members of the investigative team to include his staff of deputies and detectives in addition to members of the NCSBI, and ATF who all played a vital role in the investigation. In addition, District Attorney Scott Thomas spent the day Wednesday with investigators as the case unfolded.

Sheriff Buck also wished to thank all the law enforcement officers from the Morehead City Police Department, Emerald Isle Police, Newport Police, Atlantic Beach Police, Pine Knoll Shores Police, Cape Carteret Police, Beaufort Police, and the NCSHP for participating in the informational roadblock that was conducted today in front of Ms. Hall's residence.

