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Homicide – DR - 06-17153
Update – $10,000 Reward Offered

Irvine, CA (November 27, 2006): An Irvine company offers $10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Brandi Mares.

Brandi was killed in her Irvine home on Thanksgiving Day. Brandi worked as the Executive Director of an Alzheimer's assisted living company called "Irvine Cottages". The company, Dupont Residential Care Inc., operates 8 residential care homes in the Irvine area.

Irvine Cottages today announced that they have offered a $10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Brandi Mares.

In addition to the reward, Irvine Cottages has set up a memorial fund to benefit Brandi's two children ages 9 and 16 who are in the care and custody of family at this time. Anyone wishing to make contributions to the **"Brandi Mares Memorial Fund"** can do so in care of Jacqueline Dupont at P.O. Box 3168, Dana Point, CA 92629.

Irvine detectives continue to search for Gustavo Mares, the brother-in-law of the victim, who was reported to be living with her at the time of her murder.

Gustavo Mares
DOB 9/10/71
Male, Hispanic 5'-7" 130 lbs
Brown hair and brown eyes.

Mares may be driving a 1990 Lexus 400 4D, Cream/Gray, CA License 2SUE565.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact Detective Amy Quiroz at (949)724-7183.

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