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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

**Release Date:** 7/21/2010

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**Type of Incident:** Arrest in cold case murder

**Location:** Huntington Street/Utica Avenue, Huntington Beach

**Date/Time of Occurrence:** December 17, 2004

**Case Number:** 04-022936

### **Details:**

On the evening of December 17, 2004, victim Jason Williams (19 years old) and a friend arranged to meet one of Williams' male acquaintances in the City of Huntington Beach. The acquaintance and another male were in a silver Chevrolet Impala.

Williams got into the vehicle to conduct a drug transaction and was driven to Huntington and Utica. Williams was shot and robbed during the alleged transaction and succumbed to his injuries en route to the hospital. The suspects fled the scene. Their vehicle did not have license plates. The investigation appeared to be dormant. Huntington Beach police Detective Pat Ellis took a closer look at the investigation and remained persistent in identifying the suspects.

The investigation led Detective Pat Ellis to San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Hollywood, Inglewood, and Hawthorne where he interviewed witnesses and followed leads. He ultimately recovered the getaway car in Downey several years later and DNA evidence was obtained.

Records ultimately led to a suspect named Winston MILLER, who is believed to be the vehicle driver. A warrant for his arrest was obtained and served in December 2008. Evidence recovered from the crime scene and other sources helped identify David Cunningham, 29 years old, as the shooter. With the assistance of the Texas Rangers, Cunningham was located and arrested in Texas without incident on July 7, 2010. Huntington Beach detectives transported him back to California Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010.