



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff



MEDIA RELEASE

PLAYING CARDS HOPE TO IDENTIFY MURDER SUSPECTS

Hamilton County, Ohio, March 10, 2016 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a partnership between the Sheriff's Office and "U Can Speak For Me" support group for families and loved ones of local victims of crime.

Hope Dudley founded "U Can Speak For Me" after her son was the victim of a drive by shooting while a passenger in a friend's vehicle. No witnesses came forward and the driver and other passengers claimed they saw nothing. In an attempt to find out the truth Ms. Dudley created "U Can Speak For Me" and began putting up flyers, writing letters, and asking the community for their help. The group created bookmarks which were distributed in churches, libraries and other establishments in the hope that someone would come forward with information about these unsolved homicide cases.

This group continues to grow, and their search for new ways to reach possible witnesses led them to the idea of playing cards. Hope Dudley recently reached out to Sheriff Neil about selling these "Cold Case Playing Cards" to inmates in the Hamilton County Justice Center, and the Sheriff responded with a resounding, "Absolutely!"

Sheriff Jim Neil stated, "My heart goes out to these individuals who are grieving the loss of their loved ones. It's extremely frustrating that people who know something about a case choose not to share that information with authorities. I completely support this effort and anything else that we can do to encourage witnesses to come forward."

Anyone with any information about these unsolved cases is asked to call the Hamilton County Sheriff's Criminal Investigation Section at (513) 851-6000, or Crime Stoppers at (513) 352-3040. For more details about this group see: www.ucanspeakforme.org

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