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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Greenville Man Sentenced on Murder**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that RICHARD ALLEN ASHFORD, age 60, pled guilty on June 3, 2014 to the murder of Theresa Valentine almost one year to the day after he stabbed Ms. Valentine to death in their Brown Street home. Honorable Ned Miller sentenced Ashford to thirty years in prison. He is not eligible for parole.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Judy Munson established that on June 4, 2013, Ms. Valentine called law enforcement complaining that Mr. Ashford was drunk and out of control. Deputies responded and found no evidence that any crime had been committed and both parties were unharmed. Less than one hour later Ashford was seen in the street and going to doors in the neighborhood telling people to call law enforcement because he had killed Ms. Valentine. An autopsy showed Ms. Valentine suffered seven stab wounds, the fatal one to her chest.