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CLEARWATER POLICE USE YOU TUBE AND CRIME STOPPERS BILLBOARD TO SOLICIT TIPS ON UNSOLVED MURDER

Clearwater, Fla. – The Clearwater Police Department is one of several partnering law enforcement agencies for Crime Stopper's Cold Case Billboards. The billboard for the unsolved murder of Jack LaGrand is located on SR 580, east of Belcher Road. Additionally CPD has posted surveillance video of the crime scene and suspect on YouTube.

Case Summary:

On September 17, 2008 just before 1:30 a.m., Jack LaGrand picked up a male passenger from Fat Daddy's Bar in Dunedin. LaGrand drove approximately one mile to a parking lot behind a strip mall in the 25700 block of US Highway 19 North and stopped his taxi cab. Shortly after LaGrand parked, surveillance video from area businesses show the male passenger exit the cab and approach the driver's side door, where the male temporarily moves out of view. The male is then seen running back and forth around the vehicle several times before running away. Around 7:30 a.m., Jack LaGrand was found shot to death in his taxi cab. His wallet was found underneath his body with all of the cash gone.

Suspect Description:

Male

Possible Hispanic

Early twenties

5'7" – 5'9" tall

Thin build

Short dark hair

LSW: Wearing shorts and an oversized white T-shirt with a black skull design and red roses across the upper back, skeleton hands on the front upper shoulder areas and red roses on the front mid-section area (please see attached photo of shirt).

Clearwater Police Detective Steve Bohling will be available for interviews on the LaGrand homicide at Crime Stopper's press conference this morning at 10:00 a.m.

Video of the suspect is available on YouTube at www.youtube.com/clearwaterPubSafety.

