



NEWS RELEASE

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Man charged in 1977 St. Paul murder

The Ramsey County Attorney's Office today charged Richard Hubert Ireland Jr. with second-degree murder in the 1977 death of a 30-year-old St. Paul man. (The criminal complaint is attached.)

Ireland, 59, is charged with murdering Martin John Shemukenas in the victim's St. Paul apartment. An autopsy determined Shemukenas bled to death as the result of numerous lacerations.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Cold Case Unit of the St. Paul Police Department. The investigation produced DNA evidence linking Ireland to the crime.

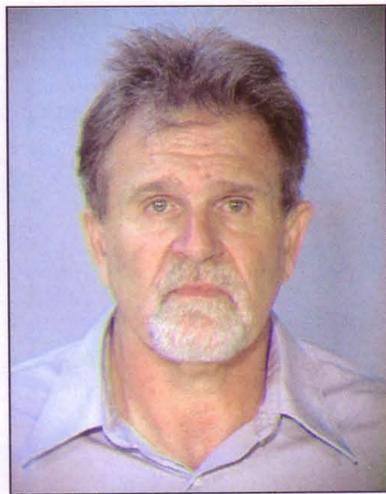
"This horrific crime was solved through a combination of superb investigative work by the Cold Case Unit and the power of DNA forensics," said Ramsey County Attorney Susan Gaertner. "It is a great day for justice."

Ireland is scheduled to make a first appearance this afternoon in Ramsey County District Court.

Note: Ramsey County Attorney Susan Gaertner is available to discuss this case. Please call Paul Gustafson at 651-266-3322 if you wish to arrange an interview.



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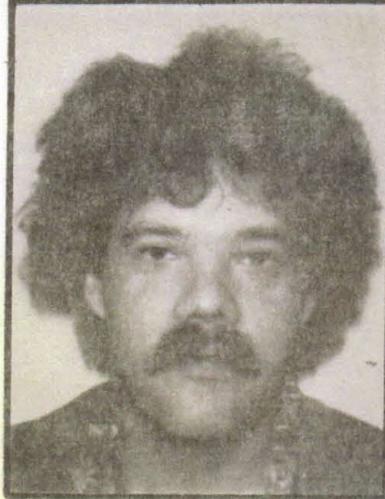


IRELAND, RICHARD HUBERT

Arrest Date 9/21/2009

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WHO KILLED MARK?



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seeking information**

ON MAY 11, 1977, AT ABOUT 9:30 P.M., THE BODY OF MARK SHEMUKENAS WAS DISCOVERED IN HIS APARTMENT, 1914 CHELTON, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. MARK HAD BEEN BRUTALLY MURDERED, HIS HANDS BOUND BEHIND HIS BACK, HIS THROAT CUT, HIS STOMACH SLASHED OPEN AND HE HAD BEEN CASTRATED.

THE APARTMENT WAS A SCENE OF TOTAL CHAOS WITH QUANTITIES OF PETROLEUM JELLY AND BLOOD SMEARED AROUND.

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY THE ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENTS HAS FAILED TO PRODUCE THIS KILLER. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL BE FOUND AND ARRESTED BEFORE HE DOES SOMETHING LIKE THIS AGAIN.

THE FAMILY OF MR. SHEMUKENAS HAS POSTED A \$500.00 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THIS MURDERER.

DIRECT ANY INFORMATION TO THE ST. PAUL POLICE DEPARTMENT, HOMICIDE UNIT, 291-1111, Ext. 330. CONFIDENTIALITY WILL BE STRICTLY RESPECTED.