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News Release

In September 2008 the Independence Police Department began investigating reports of alleged sexual abuse involving the juvenile children of Ms. Shirley Riggs. Ms. Riggs had fled the state with her children. Ms. Riggs contacted law enforcement authorities regarding incidents she regarded as abusive and improper involving her children and other family members. The Independence Police Department has a deserved aggressive reputation in the investigation and prosecution of sex offenders with no tolerance for those who would victimize children in this community.

These allegations were extensively investigated with completed findings being forwarded to the Jackson County Prosecutors Office. This case is currently closed with more detailed comment regarding the findings not possible by virtue of legal restriction. The persons involved in the above investigation are further involved in pending litigation involving legal custody of the involved juveniles. Further comment would potentially affect the integrity of these proceedings.

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