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### **For Immediate Release**

#### **Female Attacked on the Silver Comet Trail**

(Paulding County, GA) On July 29, 2014 at approximately 6:42 pm a bicyclist on the Silver Comet Trail noticed a white female lying on the side of the trail that appeared badly injured. The bicyclist called Paulding County E-911 to get assistance for the female who was going in and out of consciousness. Once emergency responders arrived on scene they stabilized the female so she could be air-lifted. The female victim, who is 42 years old, was flown via helicopter to Kennestone Hospital. Once Deputies and Detectives arrived they began assessing the crime scene which began on the bridge which goes over Academy Drive/Vernoy Aiken Road (19.58 Mile Marker) and stretched into an adjacent wooded area.

The preliminary investigation reveals that the female was severely beaten about the head and face and that she was going in and out of consciousness during the attack. It also revealed that there were no obvious signs of sexual assault. From what we have learned, Detectives believe that the female was taken into the wooded area and left there by the attacker. The female later pulled herself out of the wooded area where she was discovered by the passing bicyclist. As of now, Detectives are trying to determine what the motive for this attack was.

Since the attack was so violent and her injuries were so severe, the victim could only indicate that a white male suspect with dark hair attacked her. She further explained that she was walking eastbound (toward Hiram) when she was attacked.

The Sheriff's Office urges anyone that may have seen anything suspicious on the Silver Comet Trail between the Chamber of Commerce and Tara Drummond Trail Heads on July 29, 2014 between the hours of 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm to contact the Criminal Investigations Division at (770) 443-3015.