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12 Days of Fugitives, Day #4: Murderer Glen Chambers Sought by Authorities

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The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) are offering a reward for information leading to the capture of Glen Chambers, 58, for his 1990 escape from the Polk Correctional Institution where he was serving a life sentence. He is one of a dozen cold case prison escapees being featured during the “12 Days of Fugitives” campaign – a joint public outreach initiative by FDLE and DOC.

Chambers was convicted of first-degree murder for the 1975 beating death of his girlfriend Connie Weeks. On Jan. 22, 1975, Chambers assaulted Weeks in the parking lot of the Sarasota Lanes Bowling Alley. An off-duty officer who was a friend of Weeks intervened and Chambers began fighting the officer. Chambers was arrested for simple battery. Weeks bonded Chambers out of jail that night and was beaten unconscious by Chambers within hours of his release. She died five days later.

On February 21, 1990, Chambers escaped by concealing himself in a truck that was leaving the facility. Chambers used tools to get out of the truck and fled before the driver was aware he was there.

“He took Connie's life when she was only 21 years old yet runs free to live his life the way he chooses,” said Pam Cooper, Connie’s sister. “He was convicted of her murder and it's time to find him and put him back into prison. Putting Glen Chambers behind bars again would help my family find closure.”

“We hope the public will look closely at the photographs we have available of Chambers,” said FDLE Special Agent in Charge Jim Madden. “He is out there somewhere and Connie Weeks’ family deserves justice.”

Chambers is 6’3” and at the time of his escape was approximately 213 pounds. He has blue eyes and brown hair. Authorities say Chambers has been spotted in Orange Beach and Perdido Key, Ala. and may be in the Minnesota area.

Chambers was recently featured on the TV program “America’s Most Wanted” and producers plan to air a follow-up segment on him next month.

Chambers will be featured on digital billboards across the state. The Florida Outdoor Advertising Association (FOAA) and its network of member companies are broadcasting the faces of the fugitives and the tip line number throughout the campaign period. There are 90 digital billboard locations statewide.

There is an active warrant for Chambers for escape, a first-degree felony. The warrant is for nationwide extradition. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call the toll free tip line at 1-877-FLA-WANTED (1-877-352-9268) or e-mail FLAWanted@fdle.state.fl.us.

The “12 Days of Fugitives” campaign is designed to reach the public during the holiday season when investigators believe the wanted men are most likely to contact friends, family and loved ones. More than \$22,000 in reward money is available, with up to \$2,500 offered per fugitive for information leading to their capture. To learn more about the “12 Days of Fugitives” visit www.fdle.state.fl.us.

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