**DA’s Office Charges Two**

**After Deadly Dog Attack**

*Suspects Wanted*

**District Attorney Devon Anderson** announced today that vicious dog attacks causing serious bodily injury or death will not be tolerated in Harris County. DA Anderson says dog owners who allow this this type of aggressive behavior to occur will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Timothy Dewayne Coleman and Tiara Deshawn Thomas have both been charged with “Dog Attack” after two pit bull dogs killed Christina Bell on January 5th of this year. Witnesses say the dogs attacked Bell in the 7600 block of Glen Prairie. HPD Investigators say at least one of the pit bull dogs belonged to Coleman and Thomas.

“Many people believe their dog is a loving member of their family and will not bite, but given the right situation most dogs can attack. You must be a responsible pet owner,” said DA Devon Anderson.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says 4.5 million Americans are bitten by dogs each year and nearly 900,000 require medical attention. In 2012, more than 27,000 people underwent reconstructive surgery as a result of being bitten by dogs.

“Sadly, Christina Bell’s life could not be saved, but we haven’t forgotten her and we are seeking justice in this horrible case,” said DA Anderson.

The Harris County District Attorney’s Office has two prosecutors who specialize in animal cruelty and dog attack cases. ADA Jessica Milligan is prosecuting the case involving Coleman and Thomas. If convicted, each could face 2 to 20 years in prison and up to a $10,000 dollar fine.

The DA’s office strongly encourages the suspects to turn themselves in to any local jail or HPD’s Homicide Division. If you have any information on their whereabouts you are urged to call **Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS or HPD at 713-308-3600.**