



## Tinley Park Police Department

### Media Release

February 2, 2008

#### Lane Bryant Homicide Investigation

The Tinley Park Police department is continuing its investigation into the murders of 5 women at the Lane Bryant Clothing Store which occurred late Saturday morning February 2, 2008. Tinley Park Police continue to work with the South Suburban Major Crime Task Force, the Will County Coroner's, the Will County State's Attorney, as well as several other surrounding agencies in solving this crime. As reported earlier, this incident appears to stem from an armed robbery attempt which may have been interrupted.

As of this morning (February 3, 2008), the five victims have been positively identified by Will County Coroner Patrick K. O'Neil as follows:

- Connie R Woolfolk, age 37, of Flossmoor, Illinois
- Sarah T. Szafranski, age 22, of Oak Forest, Illinois
- Carrie A. Chiuso, age 33, of Frankfort, Illinois
- Jennifer L. Bishop, age 34, of South Bend, Indiana
- Rhoda McFarland, age 42, of Joliet, Illinois

The coroner has also determined that each of the five victims died of gunshot wounds.

At this time, we are asking that anyone having information regarding this crime, or who may have seen anything of a suspicious nature in or around the mall located at 191<sup>st</sup> & Harlem Avenue, between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Saturday February 2, 2008, to call the ***Tinley Park Police Department at 708-444-5394***, or to call the ***Cook County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-535-7867***.

In Addition to the cooperation of surrounding law enforcement, Lane Bryant executives have been involved in assisting us in this investigation. ***Charming Shoppes Incorporated and Lane Bryant Companies***, have announced a **\$50,000.00 reward** for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murders.