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ecuted to the fullest extent of the law," Sheriff Mason said.

Family members, who requested anonymity, said that the only thing accomplished by the act of vandalism is causing the family shock, heartache and anger.

"We have no idea, whatsoever, for the reason of such an act," the family said in a statement to the *North Georgia News*. "It was the only headstone damaged in the Choestoe Cemetery. The headstone cannot be repaired and must be replaced. How could anyone do such a thing?"

Union County Detec-



Sheriff Mack Mason

tive Andrew Hammond said that the stone was vandalized sometime between the dates of May 12th and June 25th.

"The headstone had been smeared with some type of epoxy covering the date of death of the deceased," Detective Hammond said. "The headstone could not be repaired due to the epoxy being harder than the stone to which it was affixed."

Sheriff Mason said it was one of the most disgusting cases of vandalism he has ever seen.

"Why would you do something like that," he said. "I mean, tell me why. This man has been dead since 1989, he didn't have an enemy in the world. It's just a senseless act of vandalism and

nothing makes me more upset than cases like this.

"The man's family is serious about bringing whoever did this to justice," the sheriff said. "They're offering a \$5,000 reward. That's on top of the cost of replacing the headstone. If anyone out there knows anything about this, we need your help."

"Anyone with any information regarding who may have damaged the headstone should contact Detective Andrew Hammond of the Union County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division," Sheriff Mason said. "That

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tigation by local authorities, Pina was sought on warrants for failure to register as a sex offender in Georgia on Jan. 16th.

According to the indictment, Pina failed to comply with state law which requires a convicted sex offender to complete their change of address within 72 hours of establishing a new address, according to the indictment.

Other July Term in-



Dallas Logan Mitchell

dictments include Dallas Logan Mitchell, indicted



Matthew Neal Thomas

on a charge of statutory rape, and two counts

child molestation, Union County Superior Court records show.

Mitchell is accused of having sex with a child under the age of 14 years old in May last year, according to Union County Superior Court records.

See next week's edition of the *North Georgia News* for more indictments from the July Term of the Union County Grand Jury.

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- for January through June 2013.

At the end of the meeting, Paris fielded questions from concerned citizens, not regarding the audit, but over the need for a traffic light at the intersection on U.S. Highway 129 and Pat Colwell Road.

Commissioner Paris became emotional when discussing the recent traffic fatality at the intersection and vowed to continue twisting the arms of the GDOT and promises to remain unrelenting when it comes to addressing the safety concerns at the Pat Colwell/U.S. 129 junction.

In other news on the agenda, Union County and the 9th District Opportunity have reached an agreement for office space located at the Haralson Memorial Civic Center for

the period of July 1 through June 30, 2014, payable in installments of \$230 per month.

The Georgia Department of Corrections and Union County have come to terms on a deal that will provide five work details from July 1st through June 30th, 2014 at a cost of \$39,500 per year.

The Union County Sheriff's Office and the USDA, U.S. Forest Service have reached a financial and operating plan beginning May 1, and ending Sept. 30, 2014 for \$3,400. This is for protection of the national forests.

The county received a grant for paving Beasley Street and Beasley Circle in the amount of \$100,000.

Community & Southern Bank and Union County entered into a promissory note

in the principal amount of \$96,425 for the purchase of a fire truck for Station 3.

A Warranty Deed between Allen Jarvis and Union County for the purchase of 1.440 acres in Land Lots 305 and 306, 9th District, 1st Section, of Union County for a purchase price of \$12,000.

A Memorandum of Understanding was agreed upon between the county and the Cooperative Extension Service for a budget for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$46,467.

The county issued a business license to Blackberry Cabins, located at Highland Forge Lane.

A contract between the county and Beverly Bradley Landscape Design, Inc. to pro-

vide services for the installation of the GATEway Grant Project for roadside enhancement and beautification, awarded by the Georgia Department of Transportation at the Park and Ride at a cost of \$46,166.

Union County reached two agreements with Jeff Burks for Union County camera maintenance, effective July 1 at a cost of \$13,000 per year.

The other agreement with Burks is for computer consulting services at a cost of \$3,666.67 per month, contracted for three days per week. Any extra hours needed will be billed at a rate of \$50 per hour. The agreement is effective July 1 and shall remain in force for one year.