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## TWO CHARGED IN JOHNSON COUNTY DOUBLE MURDER

**Johnson County, Tenn.** – The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office have charged two individuals responsible for the murder of a Mountain City, Tenn. couple found shot to death in their home one week ago today.

Jamie Lynn Curd, 38, of 2358 Pleasant Valley Road, Mountain City, Tenn. and Marvin "Buddy" Potter, Jr., 60, of 727 Hospital Road, Mountain City, Tenn. were both charged overnight with two counts of first degree murder after a week long investigation. The morning of Tuesday, January 31, 2012, 36-year-old Billy Payne and 23-year-old Billie Jean Hayworth were found shot to death in their home located at 128 James Davis Lane, Mountain City, Tenn. The couple's eight month old baby was found in Hayworth's arms when the bodies were discovered, but was not injured. The couple lived there with Payne's father who left for work at approximately 5:30 am. The investigation and evidence revealed that Curd and Potter entered the residence and shot Payne in the head in the bedroom and Hayworth in the head in another bedroom used as the baby's room.

Last year, Payne and Hayworth made complaints against Potter's daughter for harassing and making threats against them by telephone and over the internet. Curd, who is Payne's second cousin, went to court in defense of Potter's daughter last year about the accusations.

Both Curd and Potter were booked overnight in the Johnson County Jail on \$200,000 bond each and are scheduled to appear in court on March 7, 2012.

**\*Please contact the Johnson County Jail for booking photos.**

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