

# Man charged with murder

## Midland City resident arrested in 2005 slaying

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A Midland City man is under arrest for the 2005 murder of Dale County resident Billy Ray Jackson.

According to a release from the Dale County Sheriff's Office, Frederick Bernard Hightower, 57, was arrested Friday and charged with capital murder.



Hightower

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The arrest was a joint operation of the Dale County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force.

"Since 2005 Investigators with the Sheriff's Office and other local and state agencies have worked diligently to find witnesses and gather information that would lead to the arrest of Jackson's killer," said the statement, released Sunday by the Dale County Sheriff's Office.

Jackson, 72, was found stabbed to death in his residence on Friar Road in Midland City Sept. 3, 2005. According to reports, Jackson suffered multiple stab wounds and was also beaten.

Robbery appears to be the motive for the murder, according to the Dale County Sheriff's release.

The release stated the investigation is ongoing and that only limited information about evidence in the case would be released.

Hightower is being held at the Dale County Jail with no bond.