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### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Bird and Mosquitoes Test Positive for West Nile Virus**

Mosquitoes positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) were found on Old Oaks in Bryan on August 17, 2005. A positive blue jay was found at this same address on August 8, 2005. In addition, a blue jay positive for WNV on Van Horn Drive in College Station was tested on August 26, 2005.

The Old Oaks area in Bryan is especially significant because both mosquitoes (vector) and birds (reservoir) have been identified as positive for WNV. Residents are reminded to keep up their guard by remembering the Four D's (Dusk/dawn, Dress, Deet, and Drain) and to check inside their houses for trapped mosquitoes.

In addition the Van Horn Drive area in College Station had mosquitoes positive for Western Equine Encephalitis (WEE) on June 27, 2005. In both areas city mosquito control personnel have been notified to take the appropriate measures. The Dialogics calling system will be used to notify residents in both areas.

For more information, contact Sara Mendez at 979-361-4440.