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Jim Butcher Reading and Book Signing Scheduled at Oread Books

March 28, 2007 (LAWRENCE, Kans.) – Jim Butcher, author of *The Dresden Files* series of supernatural mystery novels - the basis for the hit Sci Fi Channel television series of the same name - will appear at Oread Books on level two of the Kansas Union on the University of Kansas campus in Lawrence from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2007. The reading and book signing will feature the newest book in the series, *White Night: A Novel of the Dresden Files*, just published by Roc Books imprint of New American Library/Penguin Group (USA). The event is free and open to the public.

The Dresden Files series features the investigations of Harry Dresden, Chicago's only wizard-for-hire, and his fight against the forces of darkness. The series has been compared to Harry Potter with "an adult tone and attitude" (News-Star, Monroe, LA). Harry Dresden "is as fine and upstanding and dangerous and wounded as any old-time noir detective" (San Diego Union-Tribune). *The Dresden Files* television series, starring Paul Blackthorne as the undisciplined but likeable Harry Dresden, launched in January 2007 and quickly captured a wide audience for its droll and atmospheric presentation of the adventures.

In *White Night*, the ninth book in Butcher's *Dresden Files* series, someone is targeting the city's magic practitioners, the members of the supernatural underclass who don't possess enough power to become full-fledged wizards. Harry's investigation turns up evidence pointing to one suspect he cannot possibly believe guilty: his half brother, Thomas. Determined to bring the real murderer to justice and clear his brother's name, Harry attracts the attention of the White Court of vampires, becoming embroiled in a power struggle that renders him outnumbered, outclassed and dangerously susceptible to temptation.

Jim Butcher is the author of numerous fantasy novels in addition to *The Dresden Files* series. Among these are the recent swords-and-horses fantasy series *Codex Alera*, which includes the titles *Furies of Calderon*, *Academ's Fury*, and *Cursor's Fury*, published by Ace Books imprint of Berkley/Penguin Group (USA). Butcher is a martial arts enthusiast with 15 years of experience in various styles. He is also a skilled rider and has worked as a summer camp horse wrangler and performed in both drill riding and stunt riding exhibitions. Jim Butcher lives in Independence, Missouri, with his wife and son.

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