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Kingston homicide, update 2

Port Orchard, Wash. -- Following an autopsy of Jeffrey Allen McKinstry, 53, the victim of an apparent domestic homicide yesterday afternoon in Kingston, the Kitsap County Coroner has issued a finding in the cause of Jeffrey McKinstry's death as "massive external bleeding with multiple stab and incise wounds to the upper body."

The autopsy was held at 10:00 a.m. this morning and was conducted by the county's forensic pathologist.

The suspect in this investigation, Garrett James McKinstry, 21, the victim's son, made a preliminary appearance at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon in Kitsap County Superior Court. Although the arrest charge was murder, 1st degree (DV) at the time that he was booked into jail, Garrett McKinstry appeared in court on a charge of murder, 2nd degree (DV), as determined by the Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office.

Kitsap County Superior Court Judge Leila Mills found probable cause to hold Garrett McKinstry in custody on the charge, with bail remaining at \$1 million. His next court date is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 16, for formal arraignment.

According to a certificate of probable cause that was filed with the court, Garrett McKinstry is believed to have assaulted his father with a knife during a verbal argument that began when Jeffrey McKinstry returned home from work. The assault occurred both inside and outside the residence, where the victim collapsed in the driveway and died.

Garrett McKinstry is alleged to have poured gasoline on his father's body and ignited the fuel, according to the probable cause statement, "because he wanted to make the body disappear." Once ablaze the suspect apparently decided to extinguish the fire and tried to clean up the scene.

The investigation continues.

Persons with information about the death of Jeffrey McKinstry are asked to contact Sheriff's Detective Ron Trogdon at (360) 337-5613.

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