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Suspicious death now a homicide investigation

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Port Orchard, Wash. -- The on-going Sheriff's Office investigation into the death of a North Kitsap man has been re-classified from a suspicious death to a homicide.

An autopsy performed by the county's forensic pathologist concluded this afternoon. The Kitsap County Coroner has identified the victim as Richard Hugh Jones Jr., age 74, of Kingston. The victim's immediate next-of-kin, located out-of-state, have been notified.

The coroner determined that the cause of death was due to homicidal violence, with an approximate date of death narrowed to the weekend of July 26 – 27, 2008. Specific details concerning any injuries to the victim have not been made available.

The course of the investigation continues to expand with sheriff's detectives following-up on information and interviewing persons associated with the victim. Anyone with information about Jones is asked to contact Detective Lori Blankenship at (360) 337-5615, or Detective Steve Duckworth at (360) 337-5669.

Those wishing to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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