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Two arrested in homicide investigation

Ref (a): KCSO news release #08-041, dated July 31, 2008

Ref (b): KCSO news release #08-042, dated Aug. 1, 2008

Port Orchard, Wash. -- Two Bremerton men have been arrested and booked into jail in connection with the investigation into the death of Richard Hugh Jones, Jr., age 74, of Kingston.

Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives took the men into custody, without incident, around 10:30 p.m., Friday, as they disembarked from a bus at the Greyhound Terminal in Tacoma.

David Robert Adams, age 23, and Jesus Castro De Juan, age 29, were transported to Kitsap County and booked into jail on charges of murder, 1st degree and possessing stolen property, 2nd degree. Bail amounts were set for both at \$1 million (murder charge) and at \$75,000 (PSP charge).

The two suspects had returned to Washington from California when they were contacted and arrested. Both were acquaintances of the victim and had resided with him for several weeks.

The victim's cause of death has been revised from homicidal violence to strangulation. A motive for Jones' death is still undetermined.

Sheriff's patrol deputies were dispatched to conduct a welfare check on the victim Wednesday evening, July 30, when neighbors reported to 9-1-1 that they had not seen Jones for several days. Responding deputies forced entry into the house around 10:45 p.m. and discovered Jones' body hidden in a bedroom closet. The victim's car was missing from the property and was subsequently found in Bremerton, a few blocks from the residence of one of the suspects.

Through interviews, crime scene evidence and other leads, detectives were able to develop enough information to establish probable cause for the arrest of Adams and De Juan for Jones' murder. Utilizing available law enforcement resources, detectives were able to monitor the movements of the two suspects and took them into custody when they arrived in Tacoma.

Both suspects are scheduled for an initial appearance in Kitsap County Superior Court at 3:00 p.m. Monday.

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