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Homicide Victim Found in Everett

(Updated Release-April 30, 2016)

Since the arrest of James D. Archer on April 14, 2016 detectives have continued to investigate the murder of David A. Webster. On April 29th detectives arrested and booked Christine F. Simpson into the Snohomish County Jail on murder and criminal solicitation charges for her role in Webster's murder.

Allegedly, Simpson orchestrated the events that led to Webster's death and was present during the murder, although she continues to deny this. Simpson is also accused of participating in hiding Webster's body.

New information revealed that Webster owed Simpson a drug debt and when he refused to pay it, she enlisted the help of her boyfriend Archer to enforce her drug debt.

Simpson initially tried to enlist the help of an unnamed person to help her collect her drug debt with Webster but this person refused. It is this event that led to criminal solicitation charges against Simpson.

Simpson will be arraigned in Snohomish County Superior Court on Monday.

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(Updated Release - April 14, 2016)

Since April 7th, detectives have investigated the homicide that occurred in the 3400 block of Eclipse Mill Rd. The Snohomish Medical Examiner's Office identified the deceased as 54 year-old David A. Webster of Everett, who died as a result of homicidal violence.

Working through leads, detectives gathered enough information to arrest and book a suspect, 46 year-old James D. Archer, into the Snohomish County Jail on murder charges today. He is accused of killing the victim and dragging the body into a swampy area where it was later found. Allegedly, the victim was killed because he stole money from the suspect's girlfriend a few days earlier. The men argued about the theft then fought during which the victim was struck in the head. The suspect bound the victim, found the missing money then realized the victim was dead and tried hiding the body.

Detectives will continue their work but do not believe anyone else was involved.

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(Original Release - April 8, 2016)

EVERETT – Detectives with the Major Crimes Unit are investigating the circumstances surrounding a homicide victim found in the City of Everett.

On April 7, 2016, at approximately 12 pm, a witness reported seeing a body in the 3400 block of Eclipse Mill Rd. Responding officers located the body of an adult male partially submerged in a swamp. Once recovered, it appeared the male died of homicidal means.

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office took custody of the body, and will determine the cause and manner of death, as well as his identity.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Everett Police Department TIP LINE at (425) 257-8450 or Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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