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SPPD Releases the Name of the Victim in the Domestic-Related Homicide on 12/13/2012

The victim’s name is Michael Gene Espy, DOB: 11-27-80.

The Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office website reveals Espy had a long history of prior arrests, mostly for charges of domestic violence and/or illegal drug charges.

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Arrested: Jillian Leah Smith, W/F, 04/14/88 of 6412 6th Avenue North

Homicide detectives have determined that Espy and Smith were having a domestic dispute in the home they shared together at 6412 6 Avenue North.

The nature of their dispute is still under investigation.

During the argument, Smith obtained a kitchen knife and stabbed Espy in the upper torso.

After the stabbing, Smith called 911 seeking medical assistance for the victim.

Smith and the victim have had a history of domestic disputes between them, to include eleven instances in the past year. That last incident occurred at the same address on 12/04/12.

According to reports, the victim and Smith were not married, but had been in a relationship for about a year.

Information by Bill Proffitt on December 14, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.