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Update re. Homicide Detectives Investigating the Death of Two Men in a Suspicious Fire

Detectives have just recently learned from the Medical Examiner’s Office that the cause of death of the two men found in this afternoon’s fire was the result of homicidal violence. We will not be releasing any specific information regarding the manner of death at this time.

Also there is a correction regarding the description of the one victim’s missing truck. The word “AREK” is painted on the front of the truck, somewhere above the grill area. This is the same as truck’s tag number. The previous release described as the word MAIKEL on a front plate which is INCORRECT.

Previous Release******************

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At approximately 1:30 p.m. this afternoon fire department personnel responded to a fire at 2635 4th Avenue North in which two men were found deceased inside the home.

The cause of the fire and the death of the two men appears to be suspicious at this time. Homicide detectives have responded to the scene and are awaiting the results of an autopsy before any conclusive determination is made. Release of the two victim’s identities is pending notification of their next of kin.

It has been discovered that one of the deceased victim’s vehicle is missing from the scene and is unaccounted for. Detectives are seeking the public’s help in locating the vehicle which is a 2004 Ford pick-up truck, black in color with a FL personalized tag number of AREK. The truck has a plate on the front which says “MAIKEL”. On the tailgate there are two devil horns painted on each side of the Ford emblem and a devil’s tail painted under the emblem.

Anyone with information as to the truck’s location are asked to contact the St. Petersburg Police Department at 727-893-7780

I do not anticipate the release of any additional information this evening.

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