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UPDATE re. Suspicious Death at 8074 23rd Street North

Deceased: Bruce Robert Meredith, DOB of 3/04/1952 of 8074 23rd Avenue North.

Based on an examination of the scene, detectives believe that sometime this morning Meredith apparently started a small fire in the first floor area of the home and then moved to the second floor where he committed suicide with a handgun.

The Medical Examiner’s Office is investigating and will make a final ruling on the cause of death.

The fire damage was confined to a small area of the first floor house.

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This morning at around 7:00 a.m. Fire Department units responded to a reported house fire at 8074 23rd Avenue North.

Firefighters did make entry and found a fire that was confined to the home interior. Also inside they found an unresponsive white male subject who was evacuated outside.

Upon further examination they discovered that the man was deceased and that he had apparent injuries inconsistent with a fire related death.

Homicide detectives have responded to the scene and have begun their investigation.

Based on preliminary reports the cause of death may be self inflicted, but we will release an update later in the morning after detectives have had more time to evaluate the scene.

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