Detectives Arrest Suspect in 2006 Homicide

Arrested Suspect: Peter Michael Neville, DOB 03/09/1979

This afternoon homicide detectives arrested and charged Peter Neville with 1st degree murder regarding the 2006 homicide of 83 year old Lawrence Ricker.

At approximately 11:30 p.m., March 28th, 2006, the fire department was called to a house fire at 4160 14th Street North. When they arrived they found the house fully engulfed in flames and after the fire was extinguished the body of the homeowner, Lawrence Ricker, was found buried under debris inside. An autopsy conducted by the Medical Examiner’s office revealed that Ricker had been murdered prior to the fire. It was determined to have been intentionally set.

DNA evidence was recovered from key locations at the crime scene and as a result Peter Neville was eventually identified as the suspect. Detectives believe that Neville was unacquainted with Ricker and it appears the motive for the murder was robbery.

Neville is being transported to the police headquarter for further interview. Major Mike Kovacsev of the Crimes Against Person Division will available at 2:30 p.m. to comment on the arrest at rear (Central Ave) side of the station.

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