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DATE: 02/01/2012
NATURE OF INCIDENT: Edward Olson Death Investigation Update
CASE NO.: 12013004
INCIDENT DATE :01/24/2012
INCIDENT TIME: 6:33AM
INCIDENT LOCATION: 416 West Michigan Street
SUBJECT: Edward Olson Death Investigation Update
BY: DPD Public Information Officer Jim Hansen

On Tuesday, January 24th, 2012 at 6:33AM the Duluth Police Department, Duluth Fire Department and Gold Cross Ambulance responded to a medical emergency at an office building located at 416 West Michigan Street. The caller said a male was down inside the building, unresponsive with shallow breathing.

Officers and medical personnel arrived at 6:34AM and found Edward Everett Olson, a 62 year-old Duluth resident, deceased inside an elevator. His wife, Jolette Olson, age 50, was with him. Edward Olson had suffered a head injury and had died sometime earlier that morning. Both Olson's were employed in a cleaning capacity inside the building, and had worked the overnight shift together. A dayshift custodian came into the building and found them and called his supervisor who then called 911.

Duluth Police have handled the case as a suspicious death investigation. Jolette Olson has maintained through several interviews that she is unsure how injuries to Edward Olson occurred. The report from the Saint Louis County Medical Examiner's Office found that Edward Olson's BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) was .176, and he died as a result of complications from a fractured neck, which may have been caused by a fall. The Medical Examiner ruled the manner of death as "Undetermined".

Duluth Police have met with the Saint Louis County Attorney's Office and have reviewed the case together, finding no chargeable crime present at this time.

The Duluth Police Department is not actively seeking any suspects in this matter. Anyone with information is asked to call the Duluth Police Department Violent Crimes Unit at (218) 730-5050. The matter remains an open investigation.

No further information is available at this time.