



News Release

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Sheriff's Office requesting the public's help on Murder investigation

On Tuesday, 9/16/2008, the body Doctor E. Scott Jr. was found in a wooded area off 25th Ave. S.E. off Reservation Rd. S.E. It has been determined that he died due to a gunshot wound and is the victim of a Homicide. He was last seen on Friday, September 5th, leaving the area of 2900 block of Fordham Ct SE at approximately 2300 hours, with an acquaintance, Riley C. Russell. They were last seen in a white 2000 Chrysler Cirrus, Washington License 272PND.

Mr. Russell committed suicide on Sept. 12th in West Olympia from a self inflicted gunshot wound. An examination of his vehicle has led to the discovery of a large amount of dried blood on the passenger seat as well as some bloody clothing in the trunk that do not appear to be involved in Mr. Russell's suicide. Laboratory tests are being conducted to determine whose blood was found.

An examination of the .22 pistol Mr. Russell used in his suicide for evidence as well as a ballistic comparison with a bullet recovered from the victim are being performed. At this time, Mr. Russell is considered a suspect in Mr. Scott's death.

We are asking the public's help in tracing the movements of these two individuals from Friday September 5th through Friday September 12th. We believe both individuals remained in the local area. It is important to establish what they did and who they visited to help us determine when, where and why the victim was killed. Anyone who has spoken to or seen either of these individuals or the vehicle between Sept. 5th and 12th should call the Thurston County Sheriff's Office at 786-5500 or Thurston County Area Crime Stoppers at 493-2222.



Riley C. Russell



Doctor E. Scott Jr. (Victim of Homicide)



2000 Chrysler Cirrus, Washington License 272PND

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