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DATE: 04/28/2012
NATURE OF INCIDENT: Suspicious Death ruled a Homicide
CASE NO.: 12072660
INCIDENT DATE :04/27/2012
INCIDENT TIME: 8:22AM
INCIDENT LOCATION: 100 block East First Street
SUBJECT: Suspicious Death ruled a Homicide-Two Duluth Males Arrested
BY: DPD Public Information Officer Jim Hansen (218) 390-2232

On Friday, April 27th, 2012 at 8:22AM Duluth Police were called to an apartment in the 100 block of East First Street. A renter of the apartment called and said he found a male deceased inside. Officers arrived a few minutes later and found suspicious injuries on the 28 year old deceased male and a suspicious death investigation began.

The Duluth Police Department arrested the renter of the apartment, Nakota Benjamin, a 37 year old male resident of Duluth. He is currently being held at the Saint Louis County Jail pending formal charges for 2nd Degree Murder. Also, the Duluth Police Department arrested Wesley Jones, a 47 year old male, resident of Duluth. He is currently being held at the Saint Louis County Jail pending formal charges for Aid and Abet 2nd Degree Murder. The victim and suspects in custody were known to each other.

The Saint Louis County Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy and ruled the death as a homicide. The cause of death was due to injuries sustained from a knife wound. The 28 year old male victim is a resident of Duluth. His name will be released pending *full* notification of family.

This is the first homicide in Duluth since 2010.

Anyone with any information is asked to call 911. NO further information is available at this time. The investigation is on-going.



Nakota Benjamin



Wesley Jones