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**DATE: 04/03/2015**  
**NATURE OF INCIDENT: Death Investigation Update**  
**CASE NO.: 15011697**  
**INCIDENT DATE :01/17/2015**  
**INCIDENT TIME: 6:21 a.m.**  
**INCIDENT LOCATION: 2nd Avenue West and 3rd Street**  
**SUBJECT: Death Investigation Update**  
**BY: DPD Public Information Officer Ron Tinsley (218) 730-5722**

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On Saturday, January 17th, 2015 Duluth Police responded to a medical call near 2nd Avenue West and 3rd Street. Gold Cross Ambulance and Duluth Fire personnel were on scene and informed officers of a deceased 33 year old male with a head injury. The deceased male had been assaulted by an acquaintance, 53 year old, James Joseph Strappe. Strappe was lodged on 2nd Degree Unintentional Homicide at the County Jail, but was later released pending further review of the case.

The St. Louis County Attorney's Office reviewed this case and determined that Mr. Strappe acted in self- defense that would be applicable to all possible charges. This case has been closed by the Duluth Police Department.

