

Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives:

East Bremerton homicide investigation update

Port Orchard, Wash. -- The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office today released some details concerning the investigation into the death of Daniel Ray Elzie, age 18, found dead in an apartment Sunday morning in the East Bremerton area of Central Kitsap.

Since finding Elzie's body, Sheriff's detectives have contacted and interviewed a number of persons who reside in the Rolling Hills Apartment community, and elsewhere, as they continue their investigation into his death. Many were re-interviewed a second and third time. As a result of these contacts, information was obtained that led detectives to a gun that is believed to be connected to the homicide.

"Our detectives recovered a small caliber handgun, Tuesday afternoon, that possibly may have been involved in the shooting death of Mr. Elzie," said Mike Davis, Chief of Detectives. "The gun was found inside of a trash dumpster located within the apartment complex. It will undergo laboratory testing to determine whether or not this weapon was the one used in the commission of the offense."

As part of the Sheriff's Office investigation, the Medical Examiner performed an autopsy of Elzie on Monday. "Preliminary results of the autopsy indicate that Mr. Elzie died from a loss of blood, caused by a single gunshot to the abdomen," continued Chief Davis. "A single, small caliber bullet was recovered during the examination."

Richard Anthony Carbone, age 60, was taken into custody by Sheriff's detectives Sunday afternoon and was booked into Kitsap County Jail on suspicion of murder.

Carbone was the primary occupant of the apartment where Elzie was found. Detectives believe that Carbone and Elzie knew each other and that Elzie had been staying with Carbone in the apartment for an undetermined period of time. The motive behind Elzie's death remains unclear.

The Kitsap County Prosecutor formally charged Carbone with Murder, 2nd Degree, and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, during a brief appearance this afternoon in Kitsap County Superior Court. Carbone was previously convicted of a felony and, as such, is not permitted by law to have a gun in his possession. He remains in jail on \$1 million dollars bail.

The investigation by Sheriff's detectives continues.

Anyone who may have information concerning this case are asked to contact Detective Tim Keeler, Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, at (360) 337-4825.

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