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### **Assault First Degree Case Now a Homicide Investigation**

Tacoma, Wash. - On November 5, 2021, at 7:45 a.m., South Sound 911 received a call from a female screaming for help from a residence in the 3100 block of S. 9<sup>th</sup> St. The caller stated that her mother had been stabbed. Responding officers contacted the 41-year-old female victim inside a residence and immediately started life-saving measures. Officers located a second stabbing victim in a vehicle behind the residence. The second victim was a 44-year-old female who was unresponsive and life-saving measures were immediately started.

Officers learned that the 41-year-old female had witnessed her 44-year-old female neighbor being stabbed by a male. The male fled and the 41-year-old female started to provide medical aid to her neighbor. The suspect then returned and stabbed the 41-year-old before fleeing on foot again. The 41-year-old was able to alert her daughter and have her call 911.

The 44-year-old victim was transported to the hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The 41-year-old victim was transported to the hospital with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries.

Detectives identified the suspect as 39-year-old Tony Sanders.

Officers, with the assistance of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team, took Sanders into custody on November 10, at a residence in Tacoma. Sanders was booked into the Pierce County Jail for Domestic Violence Assault First Degree, Assault First Degree and Robbery First Degree.

On November 14, 2021, the 44-year-old victim died from her injuries.

This is now being investigated as a homicide.

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