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HOMICIDE

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a homicide that occurred on November 15th, 2011, at approximately 11:06 P.M. in the City of Fort Lauderdale. The homicide occurred at a residence located at 1110 Northwest 48th Street in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

At approximately 11:06 P.M. on November 15th, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department received a call in reference to a shooting at 1110 Northwest 48th Street. Officers immediately responded and made contact with neighbors in the area. Neighbors informed Fort Lauderdale Police Officers that they heard gun shots and went to the residence at 1110 Northwest 48th Street. Neighbors said that they saw the resident, later identified as Nelson Heck, W/M, 66 y.o.a., lying in the house with apparent gun shot wounds.

Heck was pronounced deceased on scene due to the injuries he sustained during the incident.

Preliminary investigation has lead detectives to believe that an unknown suspect(s) went to Heck's residence and some sort of confrontation ensued between Heck and the culprit(s). Detectives believe that Heck may have armed himself during the confrontation and exchanged gunfire with the suspect(s). At this time, detectives do not know if the suspect(s) was struck during the confrontation. Detectives are asking for the help of the public in identifying anyone who may have been injured from an exchange of gunfire last night.

Detectives have also learned that a burglary report was taken at Heck's residence on November 14th, 2011, at approximately 9 P.M., but at this time it is undetermined if that incident is related to this homicide.

Heck was a retired FPL worker and Vietnam Veteran. Anyone who may have had contact with Heck prior to the homicide is encouraged to contact the Fort Lauderdale Police Department.

Investigators are actively pursuing all leads and information regarding this homicide. Detectives are urging anyone with any information regarding the murder of Nelson Heck to contact Detective William DeJesus at 954-828-5366 or Detective Juan Cabrera at 954-828-5581.



Victim: Nelson Heck
W/M 66 Y.O.A.
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