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DATE: July 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Death Investigation Media Conference

CASE #: 09318383

INCIDENT DATE: July 15, 2009 INCIDENT TIME: 2342 hours

INCIDENT LOCATION: 300 Block of West #1 Alley

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Homicide

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Description:On Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 11:42 p.m., Duluth Police responded to the report of a man down in the 300 Block of West #1 Alley. Arriving Officers located a male laying face down and not breathing. Officers start C.P.R. on the victim and when Gold Cross Ambulance arrives they examine the victim and pronounce him dead. Officers observed that all of the victim's pockets were pulled inside out and his socks and shoes were off and were some distance away from him. Officers also observed injuries to the victim's head that indicate he may have been assaulted.

The victim is transported to the St. Louis County Medical Examiners office where he was identified as ALBERT GEORGE MORRISON, D.O.B. 07/03/1974, of Duluth. The Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy on Morrison and has preliminarily ruled the death a homicide, pending further investigation.

Investigators located surveillance video showing Morrison leaving the Holiday Mall with two males at approximately 10:39 p.m. on July 15th. The video shows the two males return to the Holiday Mall without Morrison approximately six minutes later. The males then leave the Holiday Mall with several other persons. Investigators are able to identify the two males from the video as Isaac Louis Johnson DOB 01/30/1985 and Antonio Sinclair Lewis DOB 07/04/1988.

On Friday, July 17, 2009 the investigation leads to the execution of three search warrants at three separate apartments. Two of these apartments are believed to be the residencies of Johnson and Lewis. Morrison's Minnesota identification card and bus pass is found at one of the locations.

After the execution of the search warrants both Johnson and Lewis are interviewed and arrested. Investigators have also identified and interviewed all of the individuals Lewis and Johnson left the Holiday Mall with the night of Morrison's death.

Both Johnson and Lewis have been lodged in the St. Louis County Jail on second degree murder and aggravated robbery charges. The St. Louis County Attorney's office is expected to file formal charges early next week. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact the Duluth Police Department Violent Crimes Unit at 218-730-5050.