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Good morning Mayor and Council,

If you did not receive the following VPD media release directly, I am forwarding for your information.

As indicated in the release, VPD officers attended Strathcona Park last night to carry out search warrants related to this investigation. They were met with significant opposition from campers, requiring a major redeployment of officers from across the city. Given the circumstances, operational work that our teams had planned to carry out this week in relation to management of the encampment are being reviewed and may be delayed by a number of days.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Best,
Paul

From: ADDISON, Steve <Steve.ADDISON@vpd.ca>
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Subject: Release: VPD arrests suspects in deadly west-side home invasion

****Sergeant Steve Addison will be available for clips at 12:00 p.m. in the media room at 2120 Cambie Street. A call-in option is available for media to listen in and ask questions. Please see below for instructions.****

VPD arrests suspects in deadly west-side home invasion

Vancouver – Vancouver Police have arrested two suspects in the violent west-side home invasion of an elderly woman on Sunday. The case is now a homicide investigation.

“This was a tragic and senseless crime that cost an innocent woman her life, and struck fear and anxiety in the community,” says Sergeant Steve Addison, VPD. “Vancouver is still a safe city, and thankfully incidents like this are rare. We hope these arrests begin to restore a sense of calm and safety.”

VPD began investigating Sunday morning, after 78-year-old Usha Singh was found badly injured inside her home near Queen Elizabeth Park. It's believed she was attacked by two men who gained entry to her home by posing as police. Singh was taken to hospital with grave injuries, but died Tuesday.

The two suspects were arrested yesterday in East Vancouver. A 47-year-old man, who was also wanted Canada-wide for unrelated offences, was arrested near Strathcona Park with help from a VPD police dog. He suffered a serious, but non-life-threatening injury during the arrest and was treated in hospital before being taken to jail. The Independent Investigations Office has been notified of the injury.

The second suspect, a 41-year-old man, was arrested yesterday evening near Main Street and Terminal Avenue.

VPD investigators executed multiple search warrants last night, including in Strathcona Park, and continue to gather evidence.

Anyone with information about this crime should contact the VPD's Major Crime Section at 604-717-2500 or Crime Stoppers a 1-800-222-8477.

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