

Canby Police Department

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DETECTIVES ARREST TWO SUSPECTS IN HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS

Detectives from the Canby Police Department and the Clackamas County Major Crimes Team have arrested two suspects in connection with the death of 43-year-old Edward Kelly Spangler, M.W. 07/30/70.

Investigators arrested 27-year-old Michael A. Orren, M.W. 06/24/86 on one count of Murder (ORS 163.115) and one count of Robbery in the First Degree. Additional information obtained in the homicide investigation led to two (2) additional suspects charged with Murder (ORS 163.115): Francis Paul Weaver, M/W, 12/13/82 of Canby and Shannon Bettencourt, M/W, 03/26/81 of Portland.

The investigation began on Sunday, February 16, 2014, at approximately 5:00 A.M. when Canby Police officers were called to the 200 block of South Locust Street on a possible hit and run and a vehicle crash in nearby Locust Park. Upon their arrival, police officers discovered the body of Edward Spangler next to his car. The victim had injuries consistent with gunshot wounds on his body. The Canby Police Department called out the Clackamas County Major Crimes Team to assist in the investigation.

During the subsequent investigation, detectives interviewed several witnesses and served two search warrants at a nearby apartment complex located at 292 South Locust and 290 South Locust Street. Based on witness statements the investigators believe that the victim, who is a resident of Grants Pass, had gone to the apartment complex to participate in a drug transaction. Once there, the victim was assaulted in a drug related confrontation with at least two suspects who attempted to commit a robbery. During this subsequent investigation, Michael Orren was identified as a suspect in the homicide. Michael Orren was contacted at the apartment complex where the homicide occurred and he agreed to provide information to investigators.

Edward Spangler died of injuries sustained during the confrontation. The incident was drug related.

On Monday, February 17, 2014, at approximately 11:00 A.M., members of the Portland Police Bureau Special Emergency Response Team (S.E.R.T.) assisted by executing a third search warrant at 7835 SE 92nd Avenue, Portland, Oregon in connection with the ongoing investigation. During the execution of the search warrant Shannon Bettencourt was taken into custody in connection with this investigation.

During the course of the investigation, investigators believe they were able to recover the weapon that was used against Edward Spangler. Further forensic investigation will be conducted to confirm the gun seized as evidence was used in this homicide.

An autopsy conducted today by the Oregon State Medical Examiner determined that the victim (Edward Spangler) died from multiple gunshot wounds.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to call:

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