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## **Two killed and one injured in Calgary domestic homicide**

Calgary, AB – Police have apprehended a suspect in a domestic homicide incident involving the stabbing death of two women in southeast Calgary.

The incident occurred on the evening of Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the Penbrooke area of southeast Calgary. While specific details on the suspect and victims have not yet been released by police, it has been reported that the suspect is the estranged husband of one of the women who was killed. Three women were stabbed in the incident, one woman in her 30's was found dead at the scene, another woman, also in her 30's, was taken to hospital where she later died. A third woman, who is in hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries, was also involved.

"It's sad and shocking when we hear of women losing their lives in what should be the safety of their home." commented Elsbeth Mehrer, Director, External Relations at the YWCA of Calgary. "Our hearts go out to the families and friends of the victims in what appears to be a case of domestic homicide. Homes should be safe and help is available if people feel threatened by their partners or family members."

This incident demonstrates the severity crimes of domestic violence can take. Little is known at this point if there were other incidents of domestic violence related to the case, however it is common for the level of violence in domestic cases to escalate and become more severe over time. These deaths mark the first domestic violence homicides this year in Calgary.

"My heart is heavy. It saddens me and the entire Calgary Domestic Violence Collective to hear that another perpetrator has lashed out so viciously. We hope it underscores the need for breaking the silence about domestic abuse early on, and taking collective community response to end it. My thoughts and prayers go out to the families involved in this tragedy" commented Brigitte Baradoy, Executive Director at Discovery House Family Violence Prevention Society.

Domestic violence is a crime, where a pattern of abusive behaviour occurs in any relationship where one person gains or maintains power and control over another person. Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person.

Domestic violence not only affects the individuals who are being abused but also has a substantial effect on family members, friends, co-workers, other witnesses, and the community at large.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic or sexual violence, there is help available: dial 911, Connect Family & Sexual Abuse Network (403) 237-5888 (Toll Free:1-877-237-5888);

24-hour Family Violence Helpline(403) 234-SAFE (7233); Family Violence Information Line 310-1818 (Toll Free); Distress Centre (403) 266-HELP (4357).

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