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Man Wanted for Second-Degree Murder

Calgary Police Service are currently searching for a man alleged to have committed a homicide earlier this morning. At approximately 6:30 a.m., today, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013, CPS received multiple reports of a violent incident in the street in the 100 block of Chaparral Valley Grove S.E. When crews arrived they found two women suffering from stab wounds. One of the women died at the scene, while the other was taken to a local hospital with serious, potentially life-threatening injuries. The suspect fled the scene and despite a ground and air search was not located.

“Calgary Police Service responds to approximately 16,500 domestic conflict calls each year” says Brigitte Baradoy, Executive Director of Discovery House Family Violence Prevention Society and Co-Chair of the Calgary Domestic Violence Collective. “Those numbers are staggering and unacceptable – tragedies such as these highlight that in order to affect change we need everyone to play a role.”

James Allan Christians, 65, of Calgary, is currently wanted on a warrant for second-degree murder, aggravated assault and possession of a weapon in connection with this morning’s incident. The victim has been identified as Carmel Leah Christians, 55, of Calgary. The accused is the victim’s estranged husband and CPS confirms that an order of protection was in place at the time of the victim’s death.

“It takes a community to address domestic violence” says Andrea Silverstone of Peer Support Services for Abused Women. “If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic or sexual violence or in an unhealthy relationship, help and support is available – We all must break the silence” adds Silverstone.

Anyone with information about Christians whereabouts is asked to call 911 immediately.

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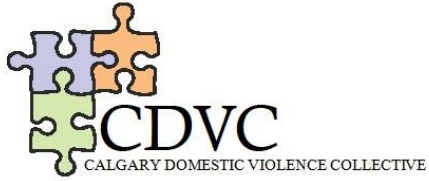
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If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic or sexual violence, help and support is available. Please call the Calgary Police Service at 911, Connect Family & Sexual Abuse Network 403-237-5888 (Toll Free:1-877-237-5888); 24-hour Family Violence Helpline 403-234-SAFE (7233); Family Violence Information Line 403-310-1818 (Toll Free); Distress Centre 403-266-HELP (4357) to access information, help and support for your needs.

The Calgary Domestic Violence Collective (CDVC) is a collaboration of close to 60 community partners working to provide a coordinated response to domestic and sexual violence prevention and intervention in Calgary. It works to help prevent domestic and sexual violence through increased public awareness, education, and improved legislation. Partners include:

Action Coalition on Human Trafficking, AIDS Calgary Awareness Association, Alberta Child and Youth Services, Alberta Council of Women’s Shelters, Alberta, Employment and Immigration, Alberta Health Services: Addictions and Mental Health, Aventa Addiction Treatment for Women, Awo Taan Healing Lodge, Brenda Stafford Chair in the Prevention of Domestic Violence, Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary, Brenda Stafford Society for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, Calgary Action Committee on Housing and Homelessness, Calgary and Area Child and Family Services, Calgary Catholic Immigration Society, Calgary Catholic School District, Calgary Chinese Elderly Citizens’ Association, Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse, Calgary Counseling Centre, Calgary Immigrant Women’s Association, Calgary John Howard Society, Calgary Legal Guidance, Calgary Police Services- Domestic Conflict Unit, Calgary Sexual Health Centre, Calgary Women’s Emergency Shelter, Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family, Cerebral Palsy Association of Alberta, Child Advocacy Centre, Chinese Community Response to Family Violence, Community Corrections and Release Programs Branch, Alberta Solicitor General, Community Crisis Society of Strathmore: Wheatlands Shelter, CONNECT Family and Sexual Abuse Network, Developmental Disabilities Resources Centre of Calgary, Disability Action Hall, Discovery House, Distress Centre, East Calgary Family Violence Committee, Ethno-Cultural Council of Calgary, Forensic Research Network, Further Education Society, HomeFront, Jane M. Oxenbury, M.Ed.,



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