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The Calgary Police Service has charged a man in relation to a suspicious death that occurred yesterday. Around 7:20 a.m., Friday, March 29, 2013, police were called to the 200 block of Templegreen Drive N.E. where a woman was discovered deceased.

It is believed the woman and her husband were travelling in a vehicle when an argument broke out. The woman attempted to leave the vehicle as it was moving and became entangled in the seatbelt, and was subsequently dragged a significant distance before the vehicle came to a stop. The woman then ran to a nearby residence where an altercation took place. The man then left the area and went to a nearby hospital, at which point police were notified. The husband of the deceased, Gagandeep Sidhu, 30, of Calgary, has been charged with first-degree murder. He will next appear in court on Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

The Calgary Domestic Violence Collective (CDVC) works with community partners to provide a coordinated response to domestic and sexual violence prevention and intervention in Calgary. As a collective, we are saddened by the news of this crime and our hearts go out to the family members who are left to question why this happened in the first place. Domestic violence is an unnecessary crime of violence in which someone makes a deliberate and calculated choice to hurt another individual. It is our hope that following the outcome of this tragedy, that Calgarians will see the need to act, to break the silence, to get involved in solutions, and to hold offenders accountable for their actions.

As a community it is important for us to stand together and say that domestic and sexual abuse are not ok, and that we need to move forward collectively to increase awareness and understanding of these issues to affect change. "Alberta has one of the highest rates of family and sexual violence in Canada and the problem is acute within our city" says Brigitte Baradoy, of Discovery House Family Violence Prevention Society. "The time has come for everyone to become involved in ending violence against individuals in our communities."

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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The Calgary Domestic Violence Collective (CDVC) works with community partners to provide a coordinated response to domestic and sexual violence prevention and intervention in Calgary. It works to help prevent domestic violence through increased public awareness, education, and improved legislation. **Representatives include:**

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