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Man Charged with Second-Degree Murder in Domestic Homicide

CALGARY, AB – The Calgary Police Service Homicide Unit have charged a man with the second degree murder of his 53-year-old father. It's alleged the two individuals became involved in an altercation in the 200 block of 90 Avenue S.E. During the altercation, the 53-year-old victim was killed and it is believed his body transported to a construction site in Okotoks.

This tragedy is a reminder that there are many forms of domestic abuse and violence and not limited to intimate partner relationships. Domestic violence is the abuse of power within a relationship defined by trust or dependency. The issues and impacts can affect anyone regardless of gender, age, religion, sexuality or socioeconomic status. There is no situation when violence and abuse is justified and everyone has the right to be safe. Domestic violence often escalates over time, which is why it is important for victims to reach out for help immediately.

Calgary Domestic Violence Collective partner organizations are helping to develop a community of care for anyone experiencing domestic or sexual violence, or who know someone in need of help. Calgary has numerous supports for people affected by all kinds of family violence. Whether it is a parent, partner, child or grandchild who is showing abusive or violent tendencies, reaching out for help can prevent a dangerous situation from escalating. Please contact the resources listed below for support if you or someone you know may be experiencing domestic abuse. If the danger is immediate, call 911.

If you are experiencing or have questions about domestic abuse, please call: 403-234-7233 (SAFE).

If you are experiencing or have questions about sexual abuse and sexual assault, please call: 403-237-5888.

For additional support, please call:

Distress Centre	403-266-HELP (4357)
Calgary Counselling Centre	403-691-5991
Family Violence Information Line	310-1818 (Toll Free)

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CDVC works with community partners to provide a coordinated response to violence prevention in Calgary. We strongly believe that increasing public awareness, providing education, and working to improve legislation can assist in prevention.

CDVC defines domestic violence as the attempt, act or intent of someone within a relationship – where the relationship is characterized by intimacy, dependency or trust, to intimidate either by threat or by the use of physical force on another person or property. The purpose of the abuse is to control and or exploit through neglect, intimidation, inducement of fear or by inflicting pain. Abusive behavior can take many forms including: verbal, physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, spiritual, and economic; as well as the violation of rights. All forms of abusive behavior are ways in which one human being is trying to have control and/or exploit or have power over another.