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Detectives Make Arrest in Homicide Investigation

Arrested Suspect: Ray Anthony Henderson, B/M, DOB 04/06/58 of 2780 1st Avenue North, Apartment #2 (photo attached).

Victim: Bryan Francis Happe, W/M, 03/22/59 of 2780 1st Avenue North, Apartment #3

On July 5th, 2011, at about 1:00 p.m. officers were dispatched to 2780 1st Avenue North regarding the discovery of a deceased man found inside apartment #3.

Upon arrival officers found Happe's body inside his apartment with evidence of trauma to his upper body. An autopsy later revealed that Happe had been stabbed multiple times.

This afternoon at about 5:30 p.m. detectives arrested Happe's neighbor Ray Henderson in connection with the murder. The arrested was based on DNA evidence found at the crime scene linking Henderson to the crime.

Subsequent to his arrest, Henderson made admissions to detectives that he had entered Happe's apartment with the intention of committing a robbery so he could obtain money for crack cocaine. He admitted that during that attempt he stabbed Happe multiple times with a knife and then took cash from the victim which he spent on drugs.

Henderson is being charged with 1st degree murder.

Information released by Mike Puetz