



# St. Petersburg Police Department News Release



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## **Update re. Detectives Investigate Homicide at 4566 28 Avenue North**

The suspect, Kenneth Hall, W/M, 07/31/46, was interviewed by homicide detectives subsequent to his arrest by officers at the crime scene.

Hall stated he paid rent to the victim in exchange for his being allowed to stay in the house. He indicated that he stabbed the victim because he thought he had taken money from him. It is not clear how long Hall has stayed at the residence or why he believed the victim had taken money from him.

It appears that two kitchen knives were used in the attack and the victim suffered wounds to his face and chest area.

The victim's adult daughter actually discovered the murder after which Hall, who was still on scene, then decided to call the police himself.

The victim's daughter is suffering from emotional distress and her name is being released at this time as she is a witness in the case.

There have been some media inquires made regarding access to the 911 recordings. Since Hall did make admissions to stabbing the victim to 911 operators, the recording are deemed evidence at this time and will not be released pending conclusion of the investigation.

To recap, at 8:59 a.m. this morning, officers were called to 4566 28 Avenue North regarding the report of a stabbing. The suspect, Kenneth Hall, told 911 operators that he had just stabbed someone in the chest and that the victim was lying on the couch in the living room.

Upon arrival, officers found the victim, Jack Blanchard, W/M, 02/30/56, lying on the couch with stab wounds to the upper body. He was pronounced dead on the scene.

The suspect, Kenneth Hall, W/M, 07/31/46 was found at the scene and made spontaneous statements that he had stabbed the victim.

Hall was taken into custody and transported to police headquarters for an interview with homicide detectives.

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