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Homicide Suspects Arrested

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Berkeley, California (Wednesday, April 2, 2014) - The City of Berkeley Police Department (BPD) would like to announce two arrests for the February 28, 2014 murder of Sylvan Fuselier. BPD Homicide Detectives have arrested Michael Diggs, a 28 year old male, of Berkeley, and Kneitawnye Sessoms, a 40 year old female, of Berkeley.

On Friday, February 28, 2014 at approximately 11:48 a.m., the Berkeley Police Department received a welfare check request from a community member. The reporting party was concerned because they had not seen their friend, Fuselier, a resident of an apartment on the 1100 block of Addison Street, for several days. Officers obtained access to the apartment, and subsequently discovered Fuselier deceased in the apartment. Further investigation of the scene determined that Fuselier had been murdered.

Investigators have been actively working this case, conducting interviews, following up on leads, and examining evidence. The investigators developed information implicating Diggs and Sessoms as suspects in Fuselier's murder; both Diggs and Sessoms were arrested on April 1, 2014 and are currently in custody. The Berkeley Police Department is not searching for any further suspects as a result of this investigation.

Berkeley Police Department homicide detectives presented their investigation to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office on April 2, 2014. The District Attorney's Office has filed formal charges against Michael Diggs for murder, PC 187 and Kneitawnye Sessoms with murder, PC 187.

In the interest of maintaining the integrity of this on-going investigation, BPD will not be releasing anything further details at this time.

The Berkeley Police Department would like to thank the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Criminalistics Laboratory, California Department of Justice, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigative Services and Serological Research Institute for their assistance in this investigation.

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