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PRESS RELEASE

DATE: December 23, 2016
INCIDENT: Homicide (Cold Case)
VICTIM: Edward Kenneth Sikvayugak
CASE #: 04-11080

On June 16, 2004, at approximately 0230 hours, the Fairbanks Police Department responded to a transient campsite off of Trainor Gate Road. Fairbanks Fire Department paramedics also responded and pronounced EDWARD SIKVAYUGAK, DOB 08-01-1943, deceased at the scene.

SIKVAYUGAK was transported to the State of Alaska Medical Examiner's Office in Anchorage where an autopsy was conducted. The manner of death was ruled a homicide caused by blunt force trauma, which was sustained during an assault at the campsite.

During the early stages of the investigation a suspect was identified in the homicide. This individual was living at the campsite and has been forensically linked through DNA (blood) to the victim. During the proceeding months detectives worked hard to build a case but were unsuccessful.

Recently, this case has been re-examined by current detectives who have been working closely with the District Attorney's Office to bring closure to this case. In the fall of 2016, the case was re-submitted for prosecution. However, when detectives attempted to re-contact the original suspect it was discovered the suspect had since suffered a debilitating medical condition that would render them unable to aid in their own defense should the case be prosecuted.

Due to their current medical state, the name of the individual will not be released. This individual is not a danger to the public.

Detectives have closed the case. Mr. SIKVAYAGAK's next of kin understand this outcome due to the circumstances.

Anyone with questions or information about this case can call Detective Peyton Merideth at 450-6553.

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