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Homicide: 300 Block of 34th Street, Northeast

(Washington, DC) – Detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department’s Homicide Branch are investigating a fatal stabbing that occurred in the 300 block of 34th Street, Northeast, on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

At approximately 8:36 am, members of the Sixth District responded to the listed location for the report of an unconscious female. Upon arrival on the scene, members located an unconscious and unresponsive adult female. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and found that the victim displayed no signs consistent with life. The victim remained on the scene until transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner where an autopsy was performed to determine the cause and manner of death.

The cause of death was found to be multiple stab wounds and the manner of death was ruled a homicide

The decedent has been identified as **53-year-old Joni S. Rockingham**, of Northeast, DC. She had been reported missing on November 24, 2017, and was the subject of an active Youth and Family Services Division missing persons case.

The Metropolitan Police Department currently offers a reward of up to **\$25,000** to anyone that provides information which leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for any homicide committed in the District of Columbia. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the police at **202-727-9099**. Additionally, anonymous information may be submitted to the department’s **TEXT TIP LINE** by sending a text message to **50411**.

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