

## **Police investigating City's 9th Murder**

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EDMONTON/630 CHED - EPS are investigating a bizarre case.

A man suspected of assaulting a cab driver was discovered sitting in the back of a police cruiser at 38 Avenue and 42 Street then ended up also being charged with a woman's murder.

EPS spokeswoman Karen Carlson says police were investigating the assault Friday night when a man let himself into the back seat of a police car that had responded to the call.

Meanwhile, Carlson says, a dog with a canine unit called in for the assault case, picked up a strong scent that led them to the police car.

When the man was taken into custody, police received a call that a woman's body was found in a home in the same area.

Police say the father of 25-year-old Stephanie Butler found his daughter's body.

Carlson says police believe she was killed by someone who broke into her home before the suspect entered the police cruiser.

A 24-year-old man is charged with murder, break and enter and commit, breach of recognizance and aggravated assault.

Police say the suspect is related to the dead woman's husband.

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