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Update – Murder Investigation

On January 27, 2012 at 1:00pm, Suspect Gregory Johnson, 58 years of age, pled guilty to the murder of Ms. Susan Schwartz. Schwartz, 26 years old at the time, was shot to death in her residence near the 22800 block of Locust Way, in Alderwood Manor, on October 22, 1979. Suspect Johnson was 26 years of age at the time of the murder.

Detectives from the Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit initially investigated the murder, which was eventually turned over the cold case team (detectives). Suspect Johnson had been identified early on in the investigation as a possible suspect. Ms. Schwartz was also featured on the queen of hearts in a deck of playing cards used by the detectives to generate tips on unsolved investigations. The playing cards were released in 2008 to several venues, including local jails and prisons. In March 2011, detectives received a tip from an inmate (generated by the playing cards) pointing towards Suspect Johnson. In April 2011, detectives tracked down an eyewitness to the murder. Detectives arrested Suspect Johnson outside his Seattle area home shortly thereafter.

Suspect Johnson is scheduled to be sentenced on March 23, 2012 at 1:00pm in Snohomish County Superior Court.

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