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MEDIA RELEASE

Arrest of Homicide Suspect

The Beverly Hills Police Department has made an arrest in connection with a homicide investigation.

On September 26, 2017, Beverly Hills Police and Fire responded to a medical emergency at Rodeo Plastic Surgery, 421 N. Rodeo Drive, after receiving a 9-1-1 call of a patient not breathing. The 71-year-old patient had undergone surgery that morning and stopped breathing during recovery. Beverly Hills Fire personnel attempted life saving measures, but the patient succumbed to his condition.

Beverly Hills Police Detectives initiated an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the patient's death. During the course of their investigation, Detectives concluded that the anesthesiologist who assisted in the surgery, licensed physician Dr. Stephen Kyo-Sung Kim, was under the influence of narcotics during the surgery.

Beverly Hills Police Detectives conducted an exhaustive three-month-long investigation with assistance from The Medical Board of California and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. The investigation suggests that Kim administered a lethal dose of Demerol to the patient during recovery, resulting in the patient's death.

On December 13, 2017, Dr. Stephen Kim was arrested and charged with one count of Murder, § 187(a) of the California Penal Code. Kim's bail is set at \$1,000,000.

Kim is scheduled to appear at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center for arraignment on December 14, 2017. Court Case Number BA463594.

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