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WITNESSES HELP APPREHEND MURDER SUSPECT

Quick work by nearby workers helped detain a suspect wanted in connection with the fatal stabbing of a 48-year-old woman at the rear of 930 S. Eleventh Street. The incident occurred about 8:35 this morning.

The preliminary investigation reveals that an argument ended with the male suspect stabbing the female victim numerous times. Some nearby workers observed this incident and tried to break up the argument. The suspect then fled upon the approach of the witnesses which led to a foot chase. The witnesses were able to detain the suspect at the intersection of 11th & Cook where he was taken into custody by responding Springfield Police Department Units.

The victim was taken to Memorial Medial Center where she died shortly after arrival. The identity of the victim will be released by the Sangamon County Coroner's Office upon notification of next of kin.

The suspect in this case is Richard M. Garrett (50) of Springfield. He was taken to the Sangamon County Jail facing charges of First Degree Murder.

The Springfield Police Department is asking that anyone who may have additional information concerning this crime to contact us at 788-8325 or to contact **CRIMESTOPPERS!**

The public is reminded that charges are merely accusations and that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.