

Manslaughter and suicide in Tai Po

Police are investigating a manslaughter and suicide case in Tai Po yesterday (January 23) in which a 31-year-old man and his 62-year-old mother died.

About 3.40am yesterday, Police received a report that a fire broke out from a unit on On Po Lane and dense smoke was seen. It was also reported that a man was found collapsed on the podium of a building on On Po Lane, who was suspected to have fallen from height.

Police officers sped to the scene and located the 31-year-old man. Sustaining serious head injuries, he was certified dead at scene. Firemen later forcibly opened the door to enter the unit and put out the fire, a 62-year-old woman was found collapsed inside the bedroom. Sustaining serious hand injuries, the woman was sent to Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital in unconscious state and later certified dead at 4.48am.

Initial investigation revealed that the man had suspectedly attempted to commit suicide and set fire in the unit before falling.

Post-mortem examinations will be conducted later to ascertain the cause of their deaths.

Active investigation by the District Crime Squad of Tai Po is underway.

Around 250 residents were self-evacuated to places of safety in the incident.